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# 147 EVACUEES IN AUSTRALIA SEND PETITION TO H.K. GOVT.

## ATHENS GETS ITS FIRST RAID

### A.A. Guns Go Into Action

ATHENS, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—Athens had its first air raid to-day.  
The first alert was sounded at 10.40 a.m. and lasted half an hour. Five Italian planes were seen circling the western part of the city followed by white puffs of bursting A.A. shells.  
Another alert was sounded at 11.50 a.m. but it was not yet known whether any bombs were dropped. The second alarm also lasted half an hour and A.A. fire was again heard.

**Planes Shot Down**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
ATHENS, Nov. 1 (UP).—Twenty-five Italian bombers in five equal waves are reported to have flown over the city at 3 p.m. yesterday at a high altitude, owing to bad weather, and the bombs fell in the Corinth Canal, but the damage is said to be light, most bombs falling in the sea.  
A group of five planes later bombed the port of Piræus at the entrance to the Gulf of Arta where they damaged two buildings. Greek anti-aircraft batteries immediately went into action and shot down two Italian bombers.

Also it is reported that near Brezinea Italian artillery shot down a Greek scouting plane.  
**Fighting Proceeds**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
BELGRADE, Nov. 1 (UP).—Reports from Athens state that fighting is proceeding in all sectors on the Italo-Greek front, and the authorities are forecasting an improvement in the present satisfactory situation when Greek reserves reach the battle zone, probably to-day.

The transportation of Greek troops and munitions is functioning normally.  
It is understood that the Italian Legation and consulates are leaving Greece immediately.  
**German Report**  
LONDON, Nov. 1 (UP).—The Berlin radio to-day said: "It is revealed in Rome to-day that the first day of the Italian advance into Greece, 70 Greek villages or hamlets, with a total population of 35,000 were occupied by the Italians. The advance was difficult owing to the complete absence of roads."

**Slight Italian Advance**  
BELGRADE, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—Crack Greek troops—the famous white-kilted Evzones, the Epitrotes celebrated by Byron—are fighting picked Italian Alpine regiments for the key position in the rugged, mountainous country road to Florina.  
The Italians appear to have made little progress.  
According to Yugo-Slav observers at Skopje, north of the entrance of the Yugo-Slav-Greek Albanian frontier, the Italian objective is to force an eastern gap in the Peristeri chain of mountains in order to reach Florina on the Monastir-Salonika road and railway, which would open the way to Salonika.

**Betting Duty Is Increased**  
New Draft Bill  
Betting duty on cash-sweep tickets is to be raised from five per cent to ten per cent.  
This is revealed in a draft Bill published in to-day's "Gazette" which is to amend the Betting Duty Ordinance of 1931.  
The Taxation Committee has recommended that any increase in betting duty should be borne entirely by the betting public, and to achieve this result as nearly as possible clause 2 of the Bill is amended to provide that not less than 80 per cent, or in the case of a club organising the race not less than 75 per cent, of the total contribution or subscription, after deduction of the duty, shall be devoted to prizes for the subscribers.  
The changed figures, it is claimed, will enable the club as well as the Government to derive some benefit, but there is nothing in the new proposal to prevent the clubs devoting to prizes for the public a higher percentage if they so decide.  
The Ordinance is to come into force on January 1, 1941.

**TURKEY TO STAY OUT**  
Unless Rights Threatened  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
ANKARA, Nov. 1 (UP).—President Ismet Inonu addressing the National Assembly to-day announced that Turkey will remain out of the war and that "no change has occurred in Turkish foreign policy."  
However, he left no doubt that the nation is taking a very grave view of the situation since Greece became involved in the war; hence, Turkey is determined to fight for her rights if necessary.  
He referred to Britain as an ally and to Greece as a friend. He said that Turkey-Russia relations were excellent.

**Non-Belligerency**  
ISTANBUL, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—Turkey's attitude of non-belligerency should not be an obstacle to the maintenance of normal relations with all countries which show the same measure of goodwill towards us," declared General Ismet Inonu, the President of Turkey, speaking at the opening of the Turkish National Assembly to-day.  
"This attitude makes absolutely impossible, with no exception whatsoever," he said.

**Dover Straits Convoy**  
Escape Nazi Shells  
LONDON, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—British vessels were heavily shelled in the Straits of Dover by German guns mounted on the French coast this afternoon.  
Though three batteries were in action, firing six-gun salvos, and shells burst in the sea all around the vessels, they kept steadily on their course westward through the Straits.  
The batteries were situated one beside Cap Gris Nez Lighthouse, another near Calais to the east of the Dover Patrol Memorial, and the third midway between these two.

**Thousands Watch**  
Visibility was exceptionally clear and thousands of people, watching the bombardment from the Kent cliffs, saw gun flashes followed by columns of water shooting into the air as the shells burst.  
The whole stretch of the Channel coast was shaken by the reverberations of the explosions.  
Dover's new shelling war warning—a double wall of the air raid sirens—was sounded.  
Over 100 shells had been fired over three quarters of an hour when the bombardment was still in progress.  
After an hour's shelling none of the ships was damaged.

**SALONIKA AIR RAIDS**  
35 People Killed  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
ATHENS, Nov. 1 (UP).—Thirty-five persons were killed and 70 wounded in the two air raids on Salonika to-day.  
According to the first official telephone call from the city the main part of the city and the waterfront were attacked and the docks damaged.  
The Mediterranean Palace Hotel was hit, but no foreigners have been so far reported as casualties.  
In the first raid there were reports of three, five and then seven Italian planes which flew over the city this morning. In the second raid, a squadron of ten planes did the bombing.

## "Grant Us A Speedy Reunion With Our Men In Hongkong," Plea

A PETITION, BEARING THE NAMES OF 147 HONGKONG EVACUEES IN AUSTRALIA, HAS BEEN SENT TO THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" WITH A REQUEST THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO THE "PROPER AUTHORITIES."

The petition, the signatures and an accompanying letter were received by mail yesterday and all are published below.  
The "Telegraph" has also forwarded the original petition and the signatures to the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith.

The petitioners request Government to allow them to return to Hongkong, pointing out that their mothers and sisters in England are facing great danger beside their men and the Hongkong evacuees ask only to be allowed to stand by their men to face whatever the future holds. It is pointed out that no reason has ever been given for their continued absence from Hongkong, and they entreat the Government most earnestly to "grant us our hearts' desire—a speedy reunion with our men in Hongkong."

## Evacuation Appeals Refused

All four applications, two for exemption from evacuation and two for permission to return to the Colony, were refused by the Evacuation Advisory Committee comprising Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chairman), Major R. E. Moody, Mr. C. Blaker and Mr. C. B. Burgess, this morning.  
Mrs. M. Clark, seeking exemption, appeared in the uniform of the A.M.S., said she had passed the first course of her home nursing and produced two letters from the D.M.S. referring to her voluntary work and from the Secretary of the A.M.S. saying that arrangements had been made for her to undergo a hospital course next January.  
Mrs. B. Pears, applying for exemption, said she was a German by birth and British by marriage. She had returned to the Colony from Manila because she had insufficient means to support herself. She had a boarding house to run in Hongkong.  
The Chairman said he was sorry he could not grant her exemption.  
Mr. G. B. S. Thomson applied for permission for his wife to return from Sydney on the ground that he was unable to support her in Hongkong and himself in Hongkong. His wife was domiciled here and had taken a full course in A.R.P. She had left at her own expense.  
The Chairman said the difficulty was that she was already out of the Colony.  
Mr. R. Bigazzi appeared for his wife and asked that she be permitted to return from Tsingtao where she had taken her child to school. He wanted her to look after the financial side of his business during his periodical absences from the Colony.  
The Chairman said they could only grant exemption in cases where women were in sole charge of whole business.

### Sponsor's Letter

To the Editor,  
The "Hongkong Telegraph."  
Sir,—I am writing on behalf of the many women in Sydney who have signed the enclosed petition, and we all would be very grateful if you will use the enclosed as a news item.  
Since our arrival in Australia we have tried our utmost to find why we are staying here, but we cannot get a direct reply.  
Apart from our personal dissatisfaction why haven't the Government told us outright the reason for the evacuation of the women and children from Hongkong? All we have been told is, there may be trouble, and you will only be away a couple of months; it is now four months since we were told this story.  
Our mothers, fathers and sisters and those dear to us at home are all in the front line doing what they can, and by their courage setting an example to the whole world.  
Do the Hongkong Government think that we women here in Australia are content to be parted from those more dear to us than our people at home in England without some sort of answer as to why we are here? No, we definitely are not.  
I beg on behalf of the Hongkong women that you will see that this petition reaches the proper authorities and perhaps we shall get a definite answer.  
Yours faithfully,  
M. Ixer,  
on behalf of the women who have signed this petition.

### The Petition

September 17, 1940  
To the Government of Hongkong  
Gentlemen,—We the women of Hongkong now in Sydney humbly petition you to allow us to return to our homes.  
When there was a fear of a blockade we were content to wait, firmly believing that our men would do their utmost to arrange for our return at the earliest possible moment. No reason for our continued absence has ever been given to us. We feel that we are an unnecessary drain on the Colony's purse and that we are causing a great deal of labour which could be better expended in the interests of the war.

### Signatories

H. E. Wilson, I. E. Goodyear, E. Bromley, B. Markey, B. Duncan, M. Gill, A. S. Y. Worton, L. Cunningham, Janet Cunningham, Agnes H. Gowans, Mary McEwen, Mabel Reid, Mrs. Davis, C. Bean, Mrs. M. B. A. Mansell, Mrs. H. E. E. Watson, Mrs. E. Clark, Mrs. G. Howell, E. Rennie, F. Rennie, M. R. Whyte, E. Shepard, Mrs. E. Wyre, M. S. Hitchens, I. Leithbridge, A. Platt, D. Upton, D. S. Beckell, Mrs. H. Keown, Miss E. Keown, G. Burling, E. M. Minihan, Mrs. Muxlow, H. Smith, J. Harris, F. TURN to Page 6, Column Six

## New "Telegraph" Feature For The Evacuees

Trying to recall the various local events of the week when we are writing to our Hongkong evacuees in Australia is not always easy, and many a husband has apostrophised himself after posting his letter for forgetting to include items of particular interest.  
The "Telegraph" will introduce on MONDAY NEXT a new weekly feature which it believes will fill a long-felt want. Each Monday, a full page devoted to the principal happenings in Hongkong of the previous week will be published. It will be a page for the evacuees, topical and newsy.

## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

### Unprecedentedly Turbulent

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Nov. 1 (UP).—Climaxing a Presidential campaign which is unprecedented in political turbulence, President Roosevelt and Mr. Wendell Willkie, to-day concentrated themselves on the decisive New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey area which possesses 99 electoral votes, the winner of which will presumably win the national election.  
However unofficial polls show there will be close contests in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and the upper Mississippi valley where partisan speakers are doing their utmost for their particular candidates.

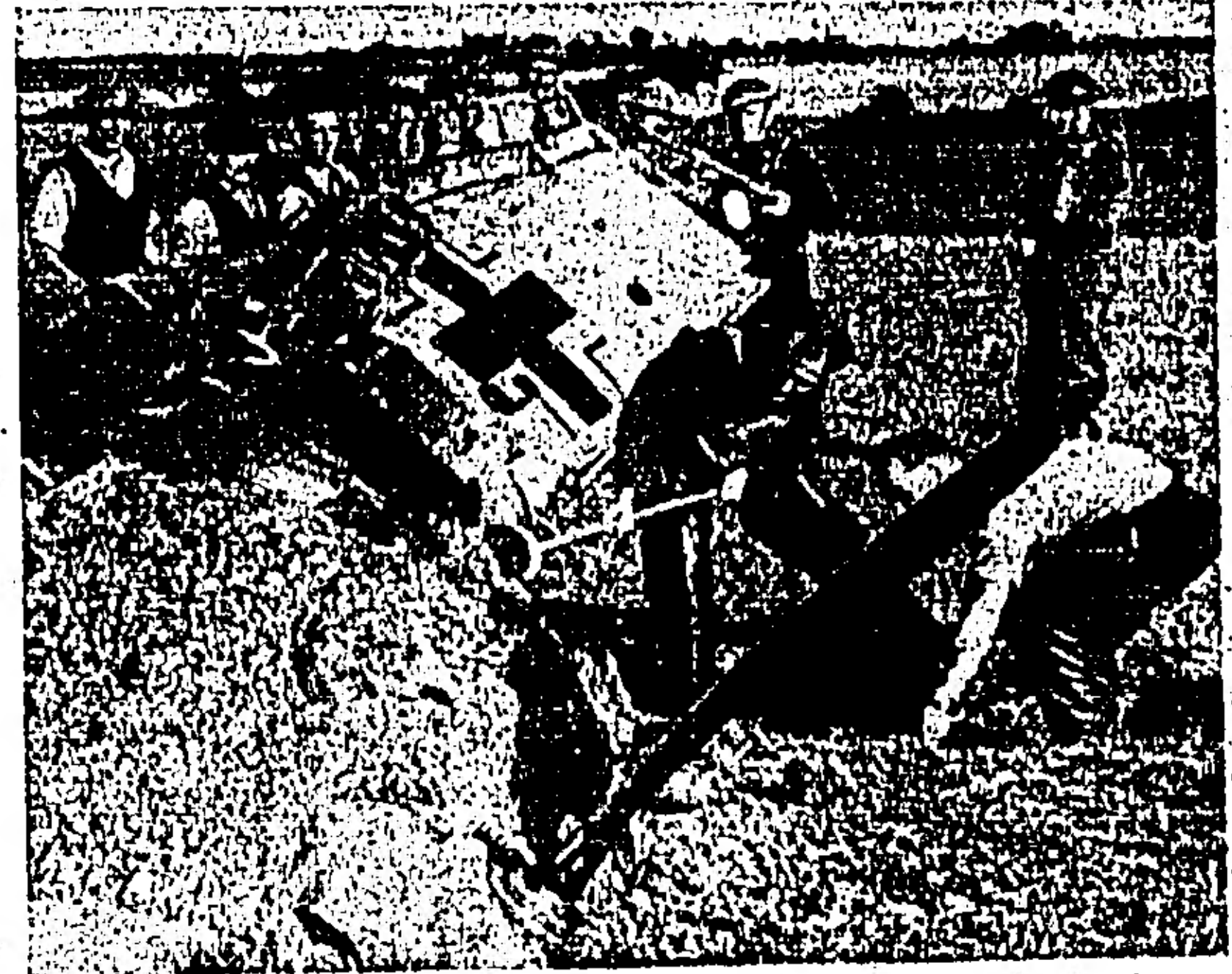
Observers concede that President Roosevelt during the middle of the summer possessed a tremendous lead which Willkie's 18,000 miles campaign tour reduced, but the electorate, on November 5, must decide the issue.

**Heavy Vote Expected**  
An unusually heavy vote is expected throughout the nation. Mr. Willkie to-day made a statement asserting that President Roosevelt's foreign policies were "leading us straight to war" which we are totally unprepared, while his domestic policies were "leading to complete collapse; we need effectiveness by prudence rather than swashbuckling conduct abroad; we need a realistic national defence at home. We have neither."

President Roosevelt speaks to-night in the important arena of Brooklyn from 7.30 to 9.45 P.M. beginning his final lap in the campaign which will include Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio.  
Mr. Willkie concluded his whistle-stop tour of Pennsylvania and Delaware to-day, and is making speeches in New Jersey on the eve of his final rally at Madison Square Gardens on Saturday night.

## AND STILL THEY COME DOWN

Britain's coastlines, meadows, hopfields, cliffs and dunes are littered with the wreckage of German raiding planes brought down either by our fighter machines or anti-aircraft guns. Yesterday it was officially announced that eight Nazi planes had been destroyed during the day. Here is a typical scene of a smashed German bomber.



## WOMEN'S COURAGE

### Military Medal Awarded

LONDON, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—Three members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force are awarded the Military Medal for displaying "courage and example of a high order" by remaining at their posts and calmly carrying out their duties during an intensive air raid on an aerodrome.

They are Acting Assistant Section Officer Elizabeth Candlish-Henderson, daughter of Mr. Robert Candlish-Henderson, the Scottish K.C., and Sergeant Joan Eugene Mortimer and Helen Emily Turner who, in civil life, were respectively political organiser and telegraphist.

## Offensive By British Navy, Hint

### In Mediterranean

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
LONDON, Nov. 1 (UP).—The naval expert of the "Press Association" hints that a large-scale British naval offensive in the Mediterranean is imminent.  
He says, "The moment appears to be approaching when one might expect powerful moves against Italian strength, with the British Mediterranean fleet passing from the present phase of activity to a large-scale offensive."  
MOSCOW, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—The "dominance" of the British Navy in the Mediterranean is stressed in to-day's "Trud", the organ of the Trade Union.

"The strategic position of Italy, cut off from ocean communications, is much more serious than that of her ally," says the newspaper, which expresses the expectation that naval bases in the Greek Islands will play a most important role in the coming struggle for leadership in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The Italian drive towards Suez from Libya, writes the paper, is prevented by the dominance of the Royal Navy in the Mediterranean.

**Navy Awaits Opportunity**  
LONDON, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—Since the Italian declaration of war on Greece, the Royal Navy has been preparing to move against Italy and Greece offers some magnificent harbours near to Italy, for this purpose. Crete is important if we are to maintain communications to the Aegean Sea.

Time is on our side but in the meantime we are harassing the Italian left flank in Libya.  
Supply ships for the eastern Mediterranean take the Cape route to avoid the risks of being bombed and this takes nine weeks to travel and requires also British control of the Red Sea. This control is being maintained.

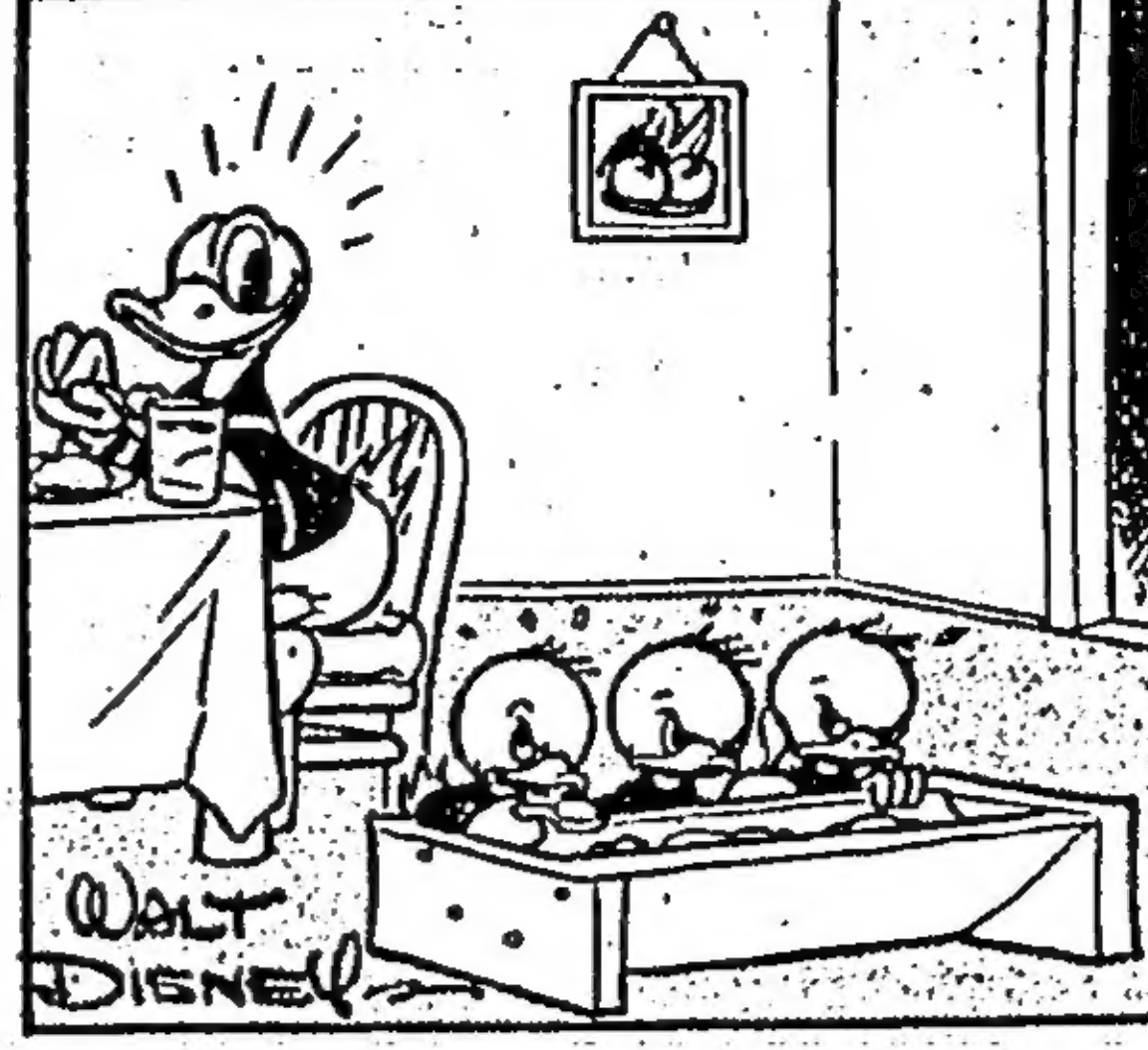
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# GATE PROBLEM AT CAROLINE HILL

## Odds Favour Eastern For Big Game With South China To-day

(By "SCRAMBLER")

BETTER ORGANISATION must prevail if disorder is to be avoided in to-day's senior football game between South China and Eastern at Caroline Hill. Those who witnessed the match last week between the home team and Sing Tao will readily agree that the then state of affairs was anything but conducive to the good of the game. The influx of so many thousands of spectators on to the ground bordering all round the touch lines, despite the fact that seating accommodation has been all sold out, will again be a big problem, unless, of course, the home team sees to it that only a limited number of tickets for seating accommodation only will be sold.

Last week, spectators on the ground by standing up obscured the view of those in the stand, with the result that those in the stand had to do likewise. If seating accommodation is so heavily taxed, why not have say three or four rows of chairs on the ground, but placed near the stands and away from the touch lines. Sale of tickets for seating accommodation should be suspended when the limit has been reached.

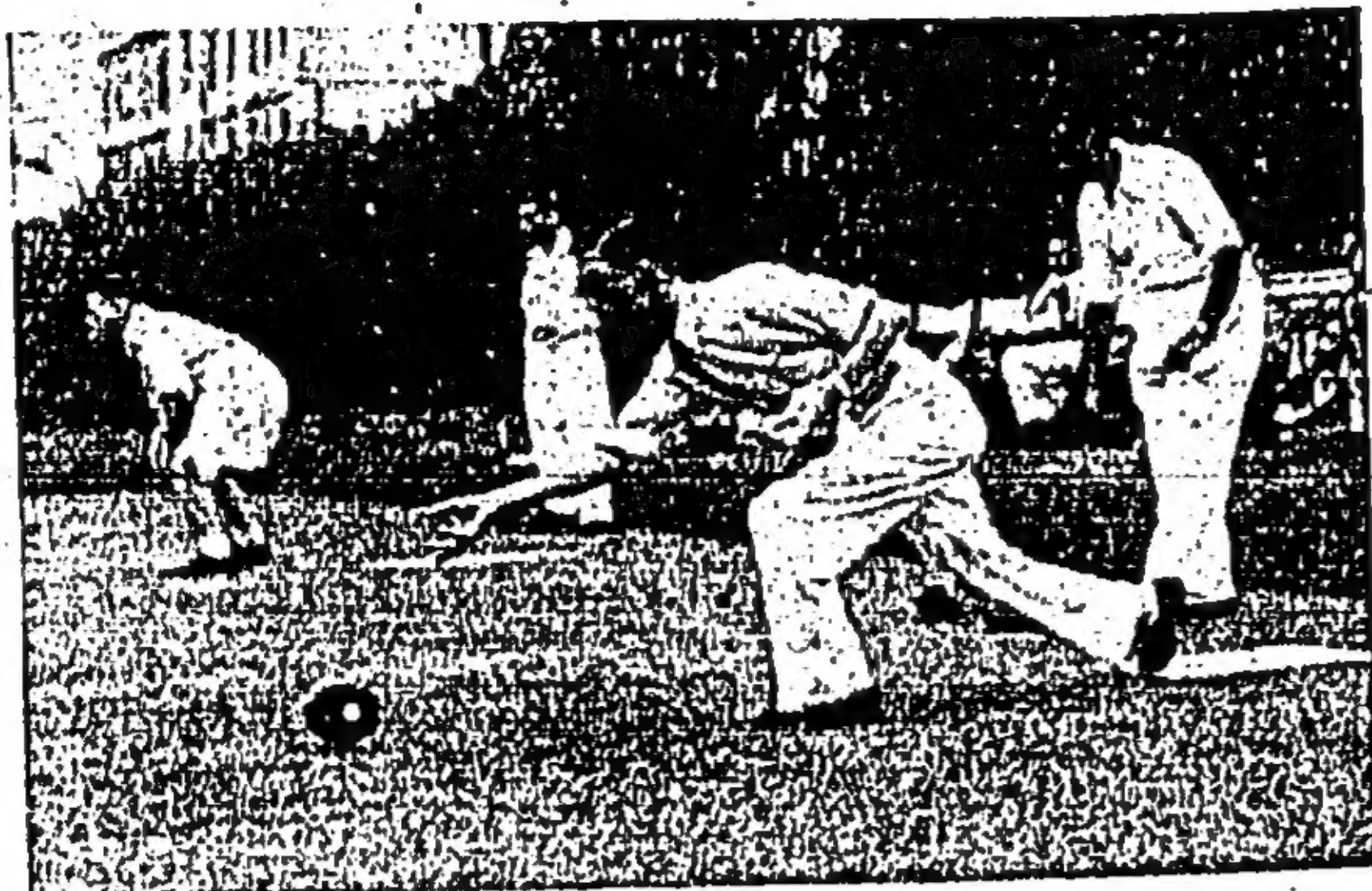
Although allowance must be made for an attendance of such magnitude, nevertheless a better check should have been maintained on the sale of tickets. It is no use selling in quantity and sacrificing order and the rights of those who paid to see a game in reasonable comfort. The ticket "ramp" should also be dealt with. If the gates were installed with turnstiles, this form of racketeering would be unable to flourish. Dollar tickets, last week, were sold outside for as much as \$3.50 each!!!

Another Historic Match WITH the exception of the Races, chief interest during the week end will be centred in the clash between South China and Eastern to-day at Caroline Hill. On form and on paper, many favour Eastern to take away two points, but from what I saw of the South China eleven in action last week, I believe that this will be anybody's match.

Eastern will be strengthened by the reappearance of Woo Chai-sang at left back and V. K. Hyui at centre forward. With Chung Yung-sum on the right wing and the speedy Lau Ching-to on the left South China's intermediate line will have to be very much on the alert to keep them from invading. Chung will have for

### Lawn Bowls Championship

## Singles Final To-day



This picture was taken during the Omar-Abbas game at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. M. R. Abbas is bowling and on the next rink, M. N. Rakusen is watching the progress of one of his woods.—Ming Yuen.

The progress of these two finalists from the First Round to the Final was as follows:

M. R. ABBAS	M. N. RAKUSEN
v. R. Duncan 21-20	v. A. Bower 21-8
v. A. E. Coates 21-11	v. F. P. Anslow 21-11
v. Morton 21-3	v. J. S. Landolt 21-19
v. A. R. Minu 21-11	v. A. Eastman 21-10
v. C. C. Pereira 21-9	v. T. A. Madnar 21-13
v. U. M. Omar 21-20	v. F. J. Jones 21-18

## GARRISON SPORTS NOTES

### Aquatic Success For Royal Corps Of Signals

(By "Collie")

An enjoyable but poorly attended Small Units Gala was held at the Army Swimming Bath on October 27.—Unfortunately only two units entered in the inter-unit competition, but this does not detract the fine performance that the R.C.O.S. put up to carry off the championship.

As only to be expected, the R.C.O.S. team, who represented the combined Small Units in the inter-unit competitions, had no difficulty in retaining the Water Polo Trophy, beating the R.A.S.C. by 5 goals to Nil. The Russell Cup and the Open Relay were also carried off by the Signals, but the sportsmanship of the R.A.S.C. in entering was rewarded by their success in the Medley Cup in which Elms, Richards and Reed put in some fine swimming to achieve victory.

One is always pleased to record the success of the Signals for they have an excellent sporting record in this Colony. Undeterred by reverses, they are always ready to put in a team for any athletic competition. Last year they were the only Small Unit to enter for the Garrison Sports; their rugby side, in which Sig. Willis is the star performer, can also be relied on to play a clean hard game. Their soccer side this year is beginning to meet the success it deserves in the League, and I have reason to believe that their Hockey XI will annex the Small Units Hockey Trophy this year. In such a unit it is invidious to single out individuals, but it is common knowledge that the veteran Sgt. Brackenbury works hard for the sporting welfare of the unit, and is a great source of inspiration.

### Hockey

THE second round of the Small Units League has been completed with the result being:—R.C.O.S. beat R.A.M.C. 1 goal to Nil. R.A.S.C. beat R.A.S.C. 3 goals to 2 goals.

The R.A.O.C. could not raise a team and forfeited 2 points to the C.M.I.L. Both games were evenly contested and a very high standard of hockey was seen. The combined Small Units should be able to field a strong team this season but whether they will be able to stop such teams as the Middlesex is left to be seen.

### Rugby

THE Army Rugby season is slowly getting under way and two representative games have been played; this week the first fifteen played the Police and the second fifteen played the Club.

Unit games have been few, and this is, I think, a good thing as with the weather still warm there is a great risk of getting stale early in the season. The R.A.M.C. who, for this reason the R.A.M.C. who,

though doing well, have been rather over-doing things, gave a spirited display against a weak Navy team on Tuesday, and were lucky to force a draw of six points each after over-running the Navy in the first ten minutes.

Stricter refereeing would be a welcome sight in these early games, for teams who are allowed to run riot in the early stages of the season are not going to produce good football later on.

The Army v. Police game was an example of this, the Army pack playing a rough game and thus denying themselves an easier win. With the small number of Army teams playing it is good news to hear that an Officers' side is being formed at Shamshupo; and I am sure that other Army sides will be anxious to play against this combination.

### Football

THIS week's football has been rather dull, except for the entertaining high scoring match played between the Royal Scots and the Navy. The R.A.S.C. have had a week of ups and downs; their Second Division team beat the Police without great difficulty, and I was very pleased to see that their lowly placed third division team managed to beat the 12th R.A. by the only goal. This team's defence is greatly improved; Thomas and Simmons are a safe pair of backs, and Reid an able custodian.

I expect to hear more of Gray of the R.A.S.C. who held Freer of the Gunners in check throughout the game. On Tuesday, the R.A.S.C. provided a major upset by losing to "C" Coy Royal Scots in their small Units cup tie. The team appeared completely non-plussed by the bustling tactics of the Royals, and two fine goals by Hossack completed the issue.

### Cricket

A friendly match was played at Happy Valley last Thursday between a Naval team and a much depleted team of the R.A.M.C. A poor light owing to cloudy weather conditions somewhat lowered the standard of cricket as wickets fell cheaply, 20 wickets falling for 140 runs.

The Medicals batted first and were given a moderate start by Sgt. Webb (the Army Player) and Pte. Pratt; who with Sgt. Wyre were the only ones to reach double figures in the Medicals innings. The R.A.M.C. being out for 85 runs; the Navy were set with a comparatively easy task to win; however,

## M. R. Abbas Meets M. N. Rakusen

(By "WICK")

IF ANYONE thinks he can select the winner of this afternoon's final between M. R. Abbas and M. N. Rakusen for the Lawn Bowls Singles Championship of the Colony he is welcome to go ahead, but I wouldn't care to do so. There is little to doubt which of the two had the harder path to the final, for a glance at their records tells that in his "bag" Abbas includes R. Duncan, A. E. Coates and his finest victim, U. M. Omar. Rakusen's roll of honour has two names of note—J. S. Landolt and F. J. Jones, and though it is not so imposing and does not tell the strength of his game, it cannot be taken that Abbas is the stronger of the two.

Rakusen is a bowler that makes good use of his head. He can adapt himself to conditions and his opponent's game with surprising facility, and for this he is greatly to be reckoned with. In Abbas, however, is an opponent of an equal calibre, and one worthy of final honours. Abbas's great victory over U. M. Omar will not be forgotten easily, and if only for the merit he thereby gained there will be quite a number of people ready to give support to the I.R.C. player.

Not even the great attractions of the Race Meeting and the South China Eastern football match at Caroline Hill will turn enthusiasts from making the trip to the Club de Recreio, and one can safely predict that the match will be well worth the journey.

## ARMY TEAMS FOR SOCCER TRIAL

THE following teams have been selected to play in the Army football trial to be held at Sookunpoo, on Wednesday, November 20, at 4 p.m. Reds—Moxham (R. E.), Freshwater (M'sex), Hamlen (R.A.S.C.), Birrell (R. E.), Bright (M'sex), Wilkinson (M'sex), Coomer (M'sex), Morgan (R.A.S.C.), Fox (R. E.), Clarke (R.A.S.C.) Martin (R.A.S.C.). Whites—Duncan (R. Scots), Lawton (R.A.), Noy-Smith (R. Scots), Shaw (R. E.), Ramsay (R. Scots), Fincher (R. Scots), Lam Wan-lun (R. E.), Pearson (M'sex), Hossack (R. Scots), Young (R.A.S.C.), Duffield (R.A.O.C.). Reserves—Jackson (M'sex), Reynolds (R.A.O.C.), Minshall (R.A.), Fraser (R. Scots), Tang Chung-pak (R. E.), Owens (R.A.), Flinders (R. A.), Gilroy (R. Scots), Tolham (R. E.), Hole (R. Scots), Munroe (R. Scots).

they opened their innings somewhat slowly and doggedly due to the steady bowling of the Medicals, who kept a good length, until tea interval, by which time the Navy had lost four wickets for some 30 runs. After tea, what might have been an interesting game rapidly swung in the Navy's favour owing to a slackness wave coming over the Medicals' fielding and bowling. The Navy proceeded to knock off the necessary runs without further loss, and were all out for 85 runs.

## SPORTS ADVT.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE TENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 2nd November, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. Hongkong, 28th October, 1940.

## "Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:

### NORFOLK HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

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Sapper  
Far View  
Australian Diamond

### QUEENSLAND HANDICAP

Cheerful Star  
Piccadilly Jim  
Centre Court

### ESSEX HANDICAP

Craigavad  
Distinctive Time  
Dupont Bay

### QUEENSLIFF HANDICAP

Quick Despatch  
Surprise Again  
Catterick Bridge

### NORFOLK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Eve of Hunting  
Emergency Unit  
Rose Flana

### SUSSEX HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Thrifty Six  
Llanesboro Bay  
Laneshire Lass

### DAILY DOUBLE

Craigavad/Eve of Hunting

## WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

The following are the League football fixtures for the week-end:

To-day	
South China	v Eastern
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	
Kowloon	v Middlesex
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)	
Club	v Police
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)	
SECOND DIVISION	
Service Corps	v Ordnance
(St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)	
Kowloon	v Middlesex
(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)	
Club	v Police
(Club, 2.45 p.m.)	
THIRD DIVISION	
International	v Medical
(St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)	
Shell	v 20th R.A.
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)	
7th R.A.	v Service Corps
(Military, 2.45 p.m.)	
Engineers	v 12th R.A.
(Military, 4.15 p.m.)	
Signals	v 24th R.A.
(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)	

To-morrow	
Navy	v Kwong Wah
(Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)	
Sing Tao	v R. Scots
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)	
SECOND DIVISION	
80th R.A.	v South China
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)	
Sing Tao	v R. Scots
(Club, 2.45 p.m.)	
Navy	v Engineers
(Navy, 2.45 p.m.)	
Kli Chee	v Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	
THIRD DIVISION	
Air Force	v 30th R.A.
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)	
35th R.A.	v A.S.A.
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	

## Successful Year For Badminton

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association will be held in the Board Room of the "S. C. M. Post" at 5 p.m. on November 8.

The annual report states that the 1939-40 badminton season was again a great success, despite the difficulties experienced by the league teams in getting sides together owing to extra Volunteering duties.

### PUBLIC INTEREST

PUBLIC interest in the game was extremely gratifying and a record of crowds attended the finals of the championships. The winners and runners-up in these events were: Men's singles; Mr. P. H. Wong and Mr. C. Au. Men's junior singles; Mr. W. Gilles and Mr. N. Smith. Men's doubles; P. H. Wong and C. Au, and Messrs. K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew. Mixed doubles; P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung and K. L. Yong and Miss U. Khoo.

### THE LEAGUE

THE LEAGUE produced some splendid contests. Hongkong University won the "A" Division after some stirring matches with the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (runners-up) and the Club de Recreio. The "B" Division honours went to St. John's Cathedral, but as the league programme was not fully completed the runners-up position was left undecided.

The mixed doubles league was regained by the Club de Recreio after an exciting play-off with the Hongkong University. The Association is indebted to clubs who so willingly co-operated in permitting championships and other matches to be played on their courts; especially it is necessary to record the assistance given in this direction by the Club de Recreio, R.C.C., Tak-koo and King's College.

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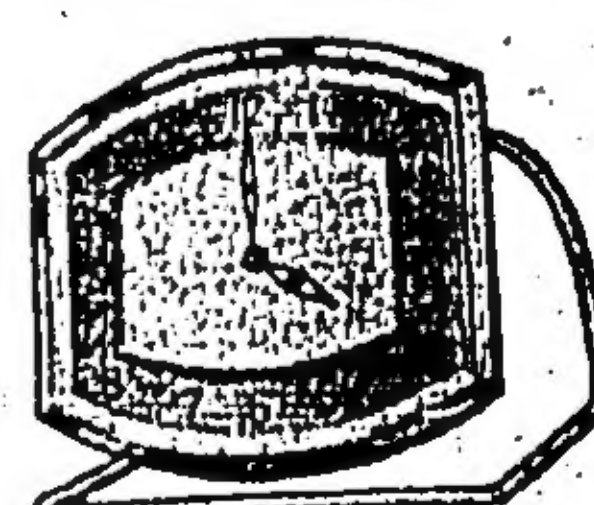
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## Vichy And Spain Reject Bait Hitler Trained Across Europe

ZURICH, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—Expectations of an early settlement between France and the Axis have evaporated.

This widespread conviction in well-informed circles proves the aptness of the old French proverb, "Jamais deux sans trois," for it is already thought that Hitler's wheedling of General Franco has miscarried and many are doubtful whether Mussolini's bolt in Greece has not misfired.

The Vichy correspondent of the "La Suisse" telegraphs that now that the proposed basis of Italy's insistence on the fulfillment of her territorial claims, political circles here consider that the scope of the Franco-German negotiations is limited to alleviation of the Armistice terms.

### Laval Anti-British

Though Laval is apparently willing to go to the extreme limit in concessions to Germany and his newspaper, "Le Moniteur," is supporting an extreme anti-British tendency, other voices have been raised.

"Le Temps" writes: "It would be an insult to the French people if certain material alleviations weighed down the scales in order to facilitate the acceptance of concessions."

On the same side of the picture is placed General Weygand's signed article in the Moroccan press, affirming that Marshal Petain's government will make no concession harmful to French honour and interests.

Nevertheless the suppression of dissident elements in France proceeds rapidly.

### Officials Retired

"La Suisse" reports from Vichy that 50 sub-prefects have been "retired" and that 143, who have gained considerable local influence, have been transferred elsewhere.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" states that earlier semi-official comments that Franco-German negotiations would lead to a big political demonstration, designed to influence the United States presidential elections, are now retracted and a warning is given that nothing is settled with France other than a principle of co-operation.

## R.A.F. Score Hits In First Raid on Naples

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Nov. 1 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that an attack on Naples, which was the first R.A.F. assault on southern Italy, lasted three quarters of an hour, and constituted three raids.

The first was concentrated on oil refinery and storage tanks at Rogglo Reale in the southern part of the city, where heavy bombs were dropped, resulting in explosions and fires. Opposition from the ground was ineffective.

The second raid was on a railway station and junction in which five British bombers dropped to below 1,000 feet.

The third attack was on anti-aircraft and searchlight batteries. One battery was effectively silenced.

The report said the weather was variable enroute, but over Naples the raiders were able to "pin point" the targets.

### Given Real Shake-Up

LONDON, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—"I bet we gave the Neapolitans a real shake-up," said a Flight Leader who participated in the bombing of Naples last night.

He added: "The idea of competing with the volcano appealed to all of us."

The bombing lasted three quarters of an hour, states the Air Ministry news service. The oil refinery and storage tanks at Poggioreale on the southern outskirts of the city were first heavily bombed, causing many explosions and fires.

The ground defence here was described as slight and ineffective. Then the British aircraft, flying

## Rugger Games This Afternoon

THE POLICE GROUND at Boundary Street and the Navy ground at Causeway Bay are the venues of this afternoon's rugby. Should incentive be required to bring out the best of the players, we have it this afternoon when they will probably be fighting for their places in the Combined teams to play next Saturday, when Club and Police meet the Services.

Programme for  
BOUNDARY STREET  
Police v. Club, 4.30 p.m.  
Army "A" v. Club "A", 5.15 p.m.  
CAUSEWAY BAY  
Navy v. Army, 4.30 p.m.

At the time of writing it is raining heavily, which should result in sodden grounds in favour of forward play. Surprise results may eventuate.

In displays to date, the Army pack had the better of the Club eight, who in turn had the edge of the Navy forwards. But the bustling Police forwards have had a little advantage over the Navy pack, and held the powerful Army pack at Boundary Street last week.

They have a good chance this afternoon should the wet ground nullify the strong combination of Thomson and Charter, of Club halves. Club three's are a questionable lot, but if on form will be slightly superior to their opposites.

**STRONG ARMY PACK**  
ARMY, with a left pack which is going great guns at the moment with everybody fighting to retain his place, should overpower the Navy pack, especially in the second half.

Navy as a team have not yet settled down, but having in mind their auspicious beginning last year, and then the form which they soon ran into, the Army forwards will not be able to relax to ensure victory.

The halves are well matched. Navy have a match-winner in Paul in the three-line, with McGill always a potential danger.

Army wingers, Marsh and Richards, will have to be well marked, and Douglas not allowed to sell the dummy or sidestep too frequently.

## BIG SOCCER GAME TO-DAY

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will not be playing with the same confidence in him as of old. As stated previously, the whole crux of the difference will be found in the half-back lines, and if South China's trio can hold their own, then they will stand a good chance of winning, but my fancy is with Eastern, and their value should be in the region of two goals.

### Other Matches

ANOTHER match of interest during the week-end will be that between Sing Tao and Royal Scots to-morrow. The Chinese will have to show a very much improved form if they expect to win. Royal Scots' supporters are confident that they will give the Chinese a good run for their money after their display against the Royal Navy. The Chinese should just about make it.

Kowloon and Middlesex are both playing better than at the beginning of the season, and this match should also prove to be an interesting affair with the odds slightly in favour of the Army team. The two Jewish placed teams, Club and Police, are also at grips, and it will not be surprising to me to see Club taking the two points, although it must be admitted that the guardians of the law have always proved to be a very formidable combination.

Navy entertain Kwong Wah to-morrow at Causeway Bay, and a good match should be seen. Although Navy are reputed to have a strong team, nevertheless, as a team they are not very impressive. The lack of combination in their most glaring fault. Individually, they are good. Kwong Wah have not been so very impressive lately, and unless they can manage to bring about a resurrection of the team, the two points will be at the disposal of the Navy men.

## Crossword Puzzle

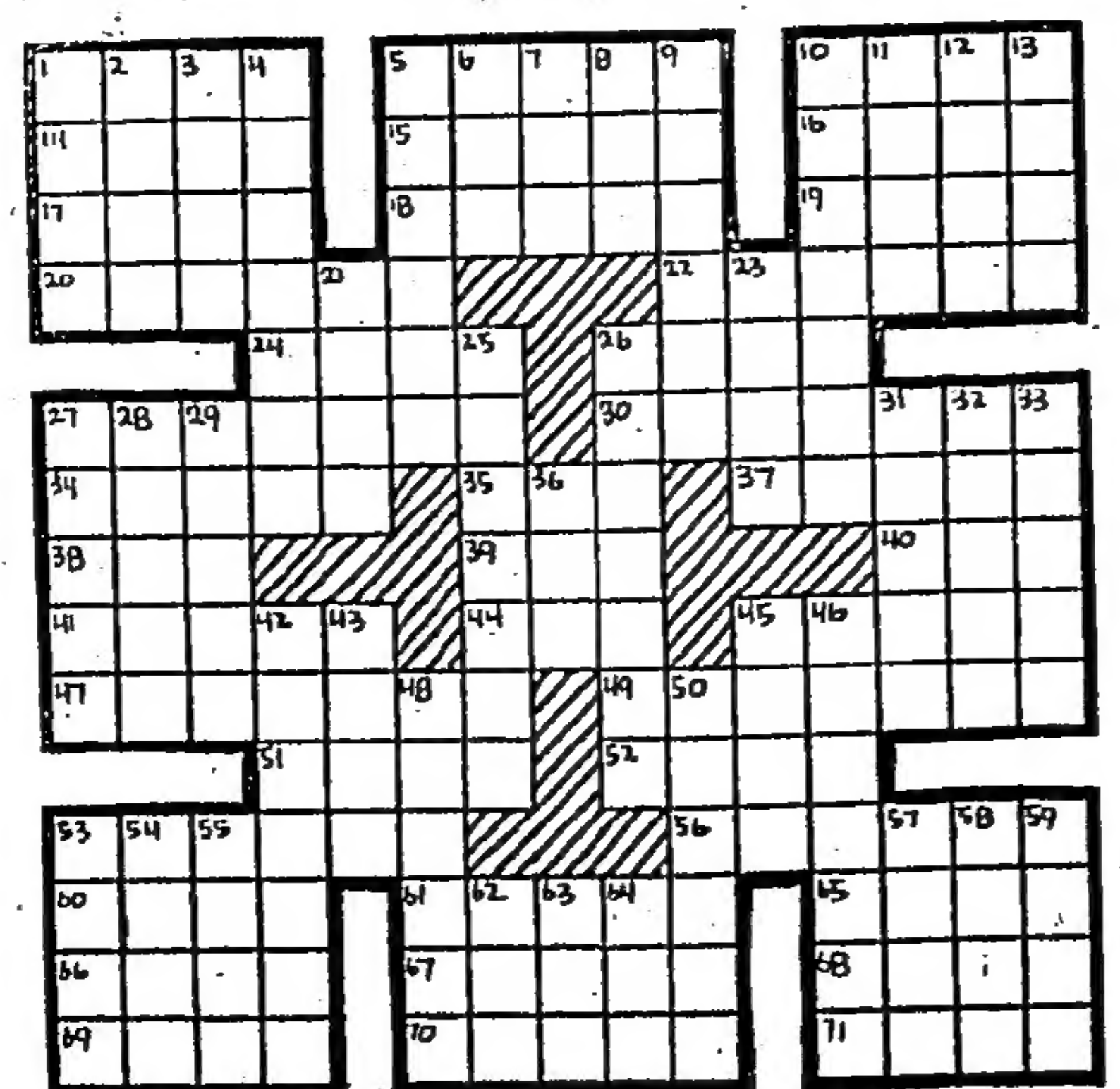
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### ACROSS

- 1—Destroy completely
- 5—Entrances
- 10—German coal district
- 11—Minfu
- 13—American plant genus
- 16—Like eggs
- 17—Transaction
- 18—Leprous one
- 19—Healer by auto-suggestion
- 20—Jutanga
- 22—Comes near
- 24—Sharp taste
- 26—Anger
- 27—Russian tepal
- 28—Opaline building
- 29—Sognant
- 35—Kerone
- 37—Iron of property
- 38—Vernal ingredient
- 39—Complete
- 40—No (Scottish)
- 41—How
- 42—Chinese poets
- 43—Molluscs
- 44—Litters
- 45—Trigonometric function
- 46—Cock cut
- 47—At any time
- 48—Drifting
- 49—Alas
- 51—Entitled
- 52—Melody
- 53—Color

### DOWN

- 2—Remainder
- 3—Ancient barbarian
- 4—Grain storehouse
- 6—Worship
- 7—Chinese poets
- 8—Epic poetry
- 9—Prohibit
- 12—Terminates
- 14—Remains
- 15—Ancient barbarian
- 21—Grain storehouse
- 23—Remains
- 25—Ancient barbarian
- 30—Grain storehouse
- 31—Remains
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26655-A	Can't Get Indiana Off My Mind—Fox Trot	Hal Kemp Orch.	do
-B	I Just Couldn't Take It, Baby—Fox Trot	do	do
26659-A	Souvenir de Vienne—Waltz	Wayne King Orch.	do
-B	Because—Waltz	do	do
26663-A	Old Man Blues—Fox Trot	Sidney Bechet	do
-B	Nobody Knows This Way I Feel Dis'martin—Fox Trot	do	do
26664-A	A Freely Girl Is Like A Melody, Tenor	Kenny Baker	do
-B	Remember	do	do
26665-A	The Rumba-Cardi—Rumba	Waldorf-Astoria Orch.	do
-B	Whatever Happened To You—Fox Trot	do	do
26666-A	Only Forever—Fox Trot	Tommy Dorsey & Orch.	do
-B	Trade Winds—Fox Trot	do	do
26667-A	A Million Dreams Ago—Fox Trot	Wayne King & Orch.	do
-B	One Look At You—Fox Trot	do	do
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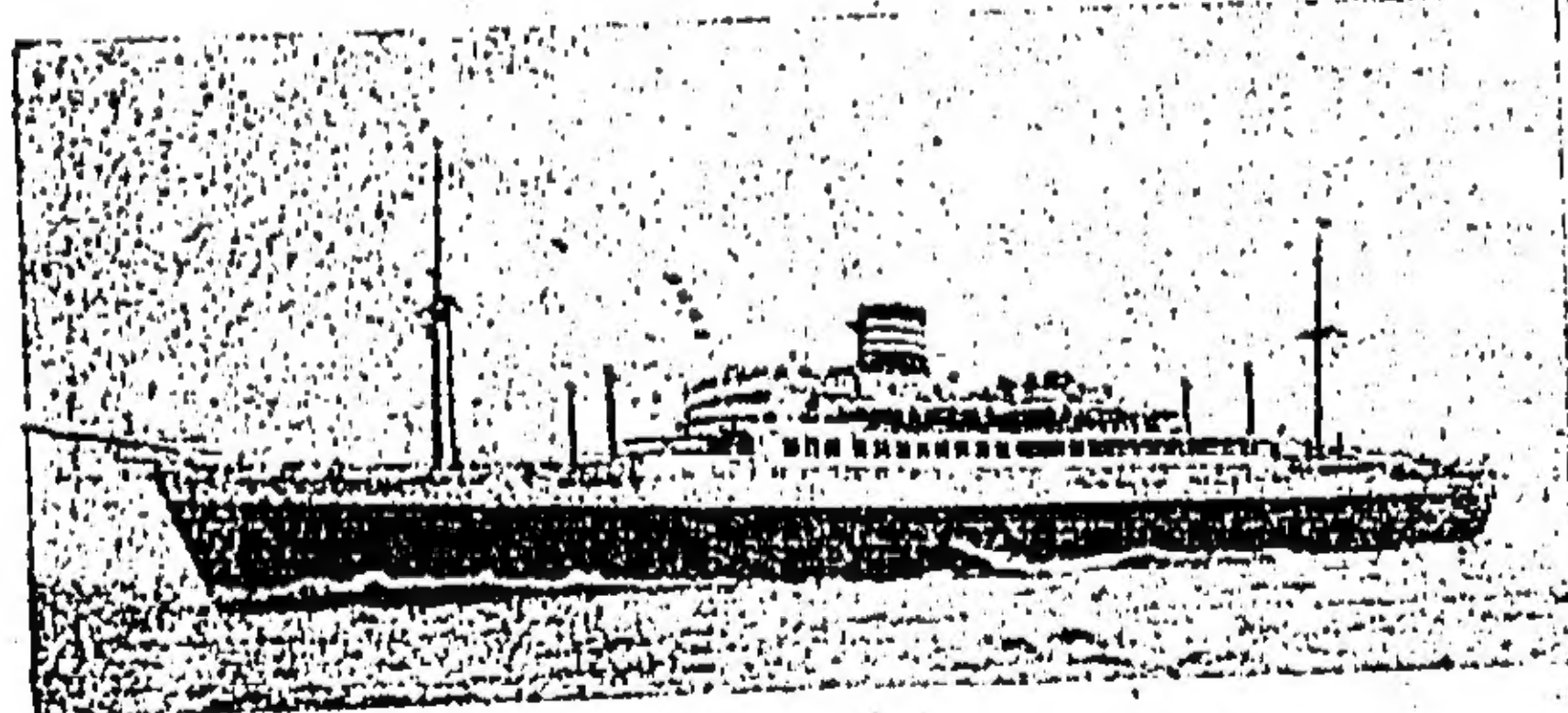
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### LINDBERGH SLUMPS

PROBABLY one of the most unpopular men in America and England to-day is Colonel Charles Lindbergh, once the hero of both countries and now earning a reputation as an effective propagandist of the Axis Powers. Maybe Lindbergh did not set out deliberately to forward the new European order advocated by Germany but his spectacular denouncement of the President's desire to give aid short of war to Britain was received with such shocked surprise that he has, in adhering to his views, been placed in a category that even the most self-saving isolationist would not envy.

Lindbergh is probably a man of the most earnest intentions; he has travelled in Europe and has been given special facilities to see the power and capacity of the aggressive machines now operating in Europe. It would appear that his respect for military efficiency has warped his judgment.

Because America is not directly menaced, Lindbergh would cry appeasement to the forces of evil and would be prepared to let them wreak their will on others. The United States must abstain from action which would anger the Axis and must be conciliatory enough to be taken in as overseas trader with the new order when Britain is conquered, says Lindbergh.

Looking at such reasoning coldly, it must revolt all true democrats, though these do not want America to fight. Her weapons are more powerful than guns. Lindbergh's

## Another Mild Day Of Raids Over Britain

LONDON, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—A German single seater fighter-bomber, flying nearly five miles high over Dover to-day, was shot down in flames by British anti-aircraft gunners.

The German raider was only a white speck in the clear blue sky when the gunners, after firing a few rounds, scored a direct hit.

This was one of the incidents of to-day's raids on Britain which again saw lighters and anti-aircraft defences constantly in action.

In addition to isolated raiders, the anti-aircraft defences had to deal with several formations of fighters ranging from a score to 50, some of which entered the Portsmouth region while others tried their luck in the direction of London.

The official communiqué states that the formations were quickly dispersed and repelled. Damage and casualties were small and one German fighter was shot down.

### Eight Nazis Down

LONDON, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—Eight enemy aircraft were destroyed to-day and six of our fighters were lost, but the pilots of two are safe, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

### Bombs Dropped SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH

LONDON, Nov. 1 (UP).—In the fourth alarm at 7.40 some high explosive bombs were dropped in the London area.

At 7 p.m. there was a fierce intermittent barrage within a few minutes of the night alarm. The stepping-up of the barrage indicated there were many raiders over London.

**Italians Fight Shy**—Italian fighters took part in to-day's raid on Britain but seemed unwilling to face even anti-aircraft fire.

A number of machines, which appeared to be Albatross small-wing biplanes—very over the southeast coast during the afternoon but were driven out to sea by the anti-aircraft defences.

Two, which appeared over one coast town at a height of about 10,000 feet, made off over the Channel as gunners got in some accurate bursts near them.

### Athens Gets Its First Raid

—FROM PAGE ONE

towards Larissa in the south-west and Kozani in the southeast. But the Greeks apparently have been firmly holding the Bigle Heights which cover the Ploer Gorge, which is the key position on the only road through the mountains usable by motorised units.

Heavy gunfire in the neighbourhood of Koriza to-day indicates that the Italians have been bombarding the most important Greek positions on the flanks of the Bigle Mountain.

### Heavy Casualties

At Salonika air raids killed 40 and injured 80 civilians. Twenty-two fires were caused. The raiders came in three waves.

At Corfu five were killed and 20 wounded, many casualties occurring in a public square in the centre of the town far away from military objectives.

Durazzo, an important communications centre, was bombed at noon by four planes which dropped 32 bombs, killing one soldier and four civilians and injuring two soldiers and one gendarme.

speech as reported yesterday shows remarkable cynicism. He says that through blundering diplomacy on America's part, Japan has been forced into Germany's arms the same as, through sanctions, Italy turned to Germany and, later, Russia joined the Axis camp.

The inference is that America should condone the war against China; Britain should have stood sweetly by while Italy gassed the Ethiopians, and then should have bought off the Russian agreement by approving the confiscation of the Baltic States by the Soviet.

Admitting that a little less subtlety and more straight forward acting would have given a new direction to the foreign policy of the United States and Britain, both countries, and particularly the former, depend on the moral justice of their views for the support of the people. To this otherwise is to go over to the dictator's way.

Fortunately Lindbergh does not represent the true American on this point. The American wants to put his own house in order and does not want to send his sons overseas to die for some issue of which he is ignorant and powerless. But at least he has the courage to stigmatise aggression as aggression, and to give that material and moral aid sanctioned by international law which will yet turn the scales in favour of freedom.

## New Delhi Conference Pledge To Premier Hongkong Among Signatories

LONDON, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—Admiration of the fortitude with which the people of the British Isles are facing "a violent and inhuman attack," and pride and confidence in the leadership of Mr. Churchill, are sentiments expressed in a telegram from the Viceroy of India to the Premier.

The telegram was sent on behalf of representatives of India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Rhodesia, Burma, Ceylon, East African Colonies, Malaya, Palestine and Hongkong now meeting at New Delhi in the Eastern Group Conference. The message adds: "The representatives assure you of their determination to do all they can to formulate a co-ordinated plan for the most efficient utilisation of the resources of supply and potential productive capacity of the Empire east of Suez with the sole object of strengthening the Empire's efforts to bring the war to an early and successful conclusion."

## AIRCRAFT FOR THE WINTER American Plan

LONDON, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—A new American aeroplane aimed at increasing production capacity to 50,000 planes yearly may be launched as soon as Congress re-assembles after the Presidential elections.

President Roosevelt made this announcement at his press conference to-day when the question was asked whether there would be a new programme based on Britain continuing her fight through the winter.

Asked whether reports that the Peery Gyroscope Company was making the United States' secret bomb-sight for Britain and would soon be sending shipments across the Atlantic, President Roosevelt replied that he had not the faintest idea whether the story was correct adding "If it is like the other stories, it is not."

## TURKEY TO STAY OUT

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over, the use of our territory, our seas and our skies by belligerents, and will continue to make such use as long as we take no part in the war.

General Inonu emphasised that no change had taken place in policy, which he had explained after the opening of the previous session.

### War's New Phase

General Inonu said that the attacks against Britain following the defeat of France met with obstinate resistance and this fact led the war into a new phase. It seemed likely that this phase would be of long duration and the suffering and misery of mankind would continue for a long time to come.

It is impossible to be deeply moved by this dark prospect and not to feel with great sorrow and pain the retrogression of civilisation," said General Inonu.

He emphasised that Turkish policy was based on the maintenance of their political independence and territorial integrity and nothing to do with "any ambitious aims that might arise according to the development of events."

"Foreign countries can have no reason to take offence at our policy nor to blame us for our endeavours to safeguard our rights," said the General.

**"Our Friend Greece"**—Referring to Greece, he said "Our neighbour and friend Greece, whose territory lies in that zone the security and tranquillity of which is of importance to Turkey, unfortunately finds herself dragged into war. Together with our ally, Great Britain, we are studying and envisaging the situation."

"We hope that the political principle which I stated earlier and which has kept our country out of the horrors of war, will in the same manner maintain our security in the future."

General Inonu referred to Russo-Turkish friendly relations as a factor of intrinsic value amidst the vicissitudes of the world and added "Our two countries mean to perpetuate this fact independent of all other influences. We are convinced that this policy will be as fruitful for both parties tomorrow as yesterday and will serve the interests of both countries without harming anyone. It is possible and even probable that there lies before us a long period of suffering for humanity. During this period while remaining sensitive to all that affects our vital interests, we shall continue to be faithful to our friendships and alliances."

### Bonds With Britain

"At a time when Britain is carrying on under difficult conditions a heroic struggle for its very existence, it is my duty to proclaim that the bonds and alliance which unite us to her are solid and unbreakable."

After referring to the strengthening of the Turkish Army and the praiseworthy self-sacrifice of the people, General Inonu gave the assurance that the "honour of the Turkish Republic is fully capable of carrying out those tasks which it may be called upon to perform."

LONDON, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—Mussolini was described as a "thrice-cursed Italian humbug" at a meeting of the Muslim Association in London to-day.

The Italian action in bombing Cairo and other holy Moslem places during the sacred month of Ramadan was described as "a cowardly and cowardly" and the meeting called on followers of the Prophet all over the world to condemn the action and give full support to Britain "in her heroic defence of religious liberty."

## Middle East Front Quiet

British Patrol's Success

CAIRO, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—A British patrol in the western desert during the night of October 30-31 encountered and inflicted casualties on an enemy party without loss to themselves.

Active patrolling work also continues in the Sudan, according to the latest communiqué from British Headquarters.

In the Kassala sector on Tuesday a British patrol destroyed the contents of a small camel convoy, capturing one prisoner.

Enemy reconnaissance parties who were first successfully engaged in the Blue Nile sector at the beginning of the week are continuing their withdrawal.

There is nothing to report in Kenya and Palestine.

## 147 Evacuees Send Petition to H.K. Govt.

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## Dover Straits Convoy Escape Nazi Shells

—FROM PAGE ONE

vessels appeared to have been damaged.

### Dive Bombers Swoop

An hour later the vessels were attacked by 13 dive-bombers about three miles from the shore.

The bombers swooped out of a clear sky, circled low over the ships

and each dropped three bombs. They then came over again and made a second attack, but anti-aircraft guns drove them off and they fled towards the French coast.

German long-range guns also fired several shells at the vessels.

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German long-range guns continued shelling spasmodically until after midnight.

## Yugo-Slavia Cringes Before Axis Powers Declares Neutrality Again

BELGRADE, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—"Hope" that her interests will not "be threatened from any side" is expressed to-night in a formal re-affirmation of neutrality by the Yugo-Slav Government.

### Appreciation of Policy

Recalling that long before the war Yugo-Slavia had pursued a policy of establishing friendly relations with all neighbours, "above all with the two greater Powers, Germany and Italy," the statement continues:

"When the conflict between the great Powers broke out, Yugo-Slavia immediately declared her strict neutrality, dependent on no other condition than respect of her independence and the security of her frontiers."

"The loyal pursuit of this policy has more than once been the subject of open and emphatic appreciation by Berlin and Rome."

Regretting the conflict between Italy and Greece because Yugo-Slavia "has friendly relations with both countries," the statement continued: "Given the attitude hitherto maintained, Yugo-Slavia hopes that her interests will not be threatened from any side by further developments."

## ITALIANS BEATEN IN AIR BATTLE

By The R.A.F.

CAIRO, Nov. 1 (Reuter).—The defeat of a large force of Italian planes by R.A.F. fighters is chronicled in an R.A.F. communiqué.

The communiqué says that a large force of enemy bombers, escorted by 12 fighters, attempted to attack a target in the Mersa Matruh area on October 31. R.A.F. fighters immediately engaged the enemy.

In the ensuing battle, four Italian planes were shot down and four others destroyed, while four more were so damaged that it is unlikely that they returned to their base.

**Planes Collide**—During the battle two British fighters collided but the pilots landed safely by parachute.

One British fighter was shot down and one, which was last seen engaging three Italian planes, has hitherto not returned to the base.

R.A.F. bombers raided Gambut, Libya, where enemy aircraft were dispersed on the ground. Two Italian aircraft were destroyed, another probably destroyed, and several others severely damaged by bomb splinters.

## Traffic Regulations Altered

Under Amendments to the Vehicle and Traffic Regulations Ordinance published in the Government Gazette to-day, the fees for drivers' licences for private rickshaws and chairs, public rickshaws and public chairs, tricycles, trucks, carts and vans, horse or bullock-drawn vehicles are increased to 50 cents.

A fee of 25 cents is required for a duplicate of any licence issued under this regulation, and a fee of \$1 for a duplicate of other licences enumerated.

Regulation 44 now reads: "If in any case, owing to the presence of a vehicle on a road, an accident occurs whereby damage or injury is caused to any person, vehicle, animal or thing, the driver of the vehicle shall stop and, if required so to do by any person having reasonable grounds for so requiring, produce his driver's licence and give his name and address and also the name and address of the owner and the identification marks of the vehicle and shall as soon as reasonably practicable, make or cause to be made either personally or in writing, a report of the accident to the nearest police station."

The revised regulation required a driver to report only when his vehicle was actually in collision).

Drivers and conductors of public vehicles are brought into line with this regulation in a new Section (e) to Regulation 36 and a new Section 8 to Regulation 40.

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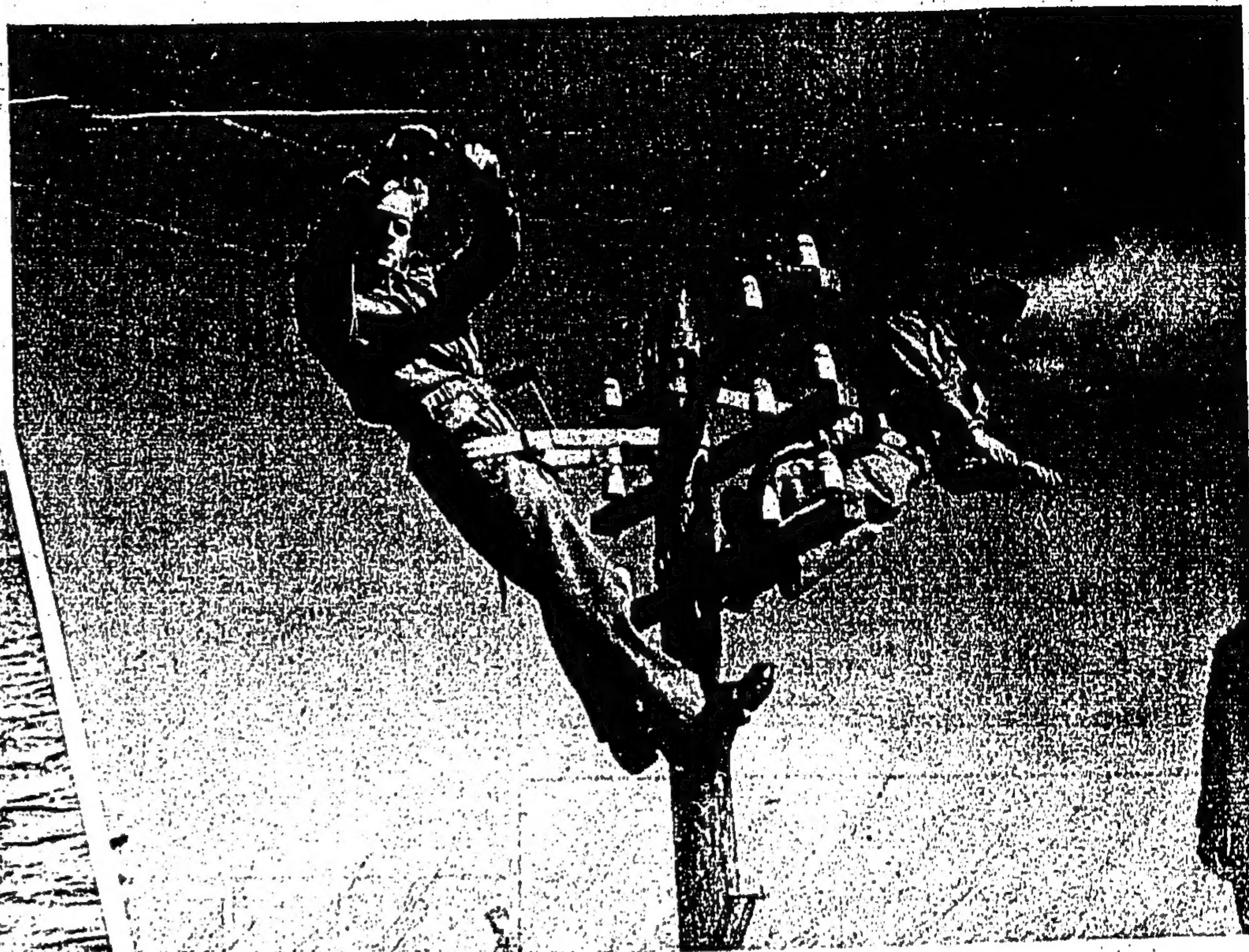
## We Don't Hear Much of these Soldiers



**MOTOR BOAT PATROLS FOR SCOTTISH LOCHS.** To counter possible attempts by the enemy to land troops in seaplanes on Scottish lochs, armed motor boat patrols have been established. These boats, which mount machine-guns, are manned by both naval and military personnel.



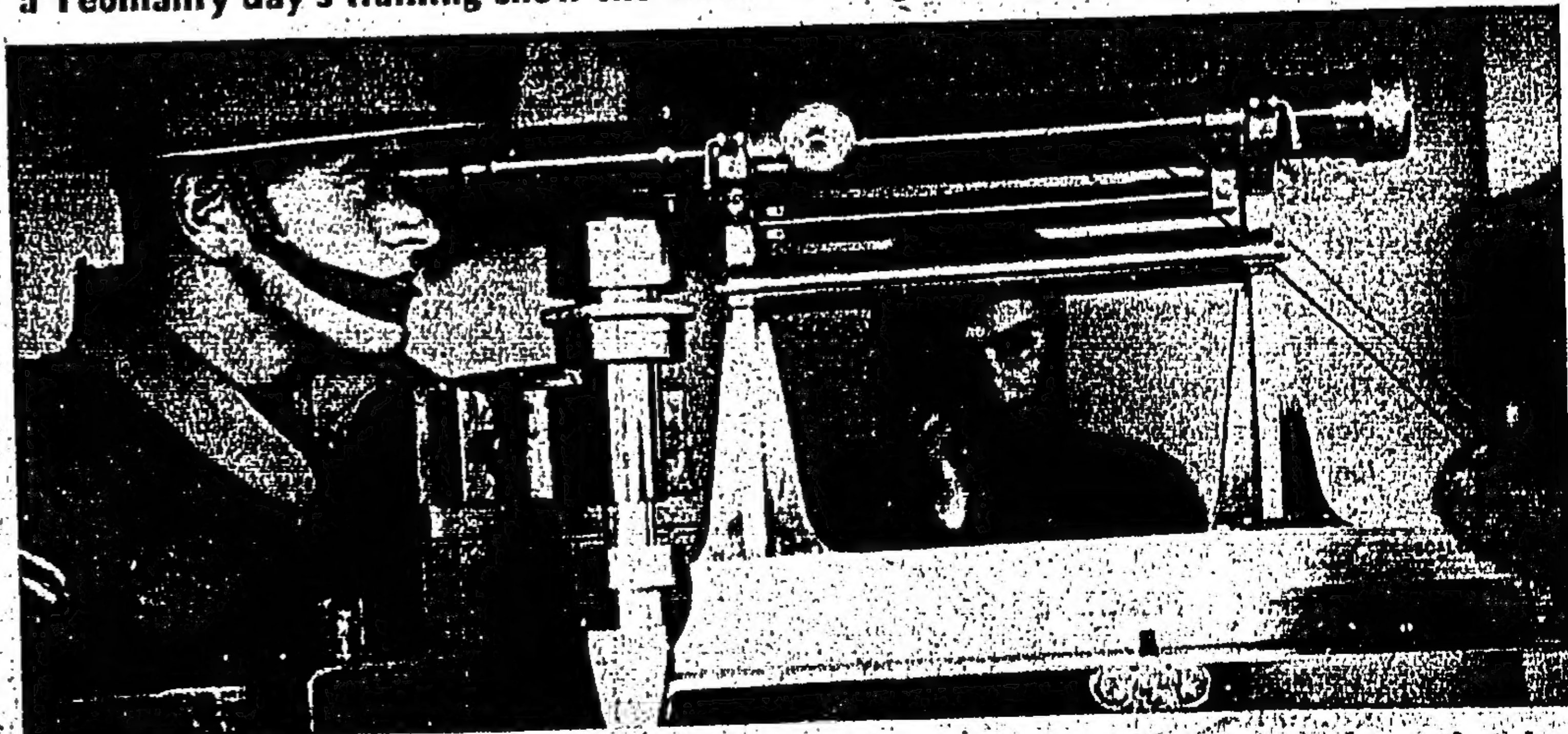
The Air-sentry, whose job is to keep a watch on the skies day and night.



At a signal training centre special sets of telegraph poles have been erected in the fields for the training of the men. The men graduate from poles only a few feet high to full sized poles as shown in the picture.



Among the troops in Palestine are a number of units of cavalry. Photographs taken of a Yeomanry day's training show the men watering their horses on arrival back in camp.



Round the Coasts of Britain are guns of various calibres manned by crews who maintain a ceaseless watch to deal with whatever lies ahead. Photo shows the range-finders at work.





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## OF MICE AND MEN

Film: "Of Mice and Men."

Star: Lon Chaney Jr., Burgess Meredith.  
Critical temperature: 80.

MR. WILL HAYSS's purity office has been busy on this film. The result is that all the earthy, bunk-house language which helped to distinguish and bring to life John Steinbeck's magnificent play about a couple of Californian harvest-field hoboes has been eliminated.

Yet the picture's greatest tribute is that it remains as fine and imaginative a story as ever.

"If I was alone," said George in the original script, "I could live so easy and so nice! And what have I got? I've got you, and you lose me nearly every job I get!"

Lennie Small is the man who stroke the soft, smooth hair of the country lasses. So befalls the greatest tragedy of all. They come in the end to a ranch where the daughter-in-law of the house runs for-saken about the fields. Meeting Lennie in the barn one day she learns how he likes to pet soft things, and with country simplicity invites him to stroke her hair.

The tragic trouble with the man is that he does not know the power of his own hands. He loves to pet chickens and rabbits and puppies, and, with all the innocence in the world,

But Lennie pets it too hard, and the girl begins to scream.

## SENTRIES OF THE SEA

By A Special Correspondent

WITH THE AUXILIARY PATROL, Aug. 25.—Thousands of trawlers, manned by their peace-time crews of fishermen and flying the White Ensign, leave ports all round Britain at a certain time every evening to patrol the seas through the night hours. They are the Auxiliary Patrol, and, together with smaller fishing craft and launches, form the inner line of sentries encircling Britain.

The outer line consists of the and some time later searchlights warships of the Royal Navy, pierced the darkness far away. But the crew were not disturbed. Indeed, the mate was far more concerned about an R.A.F. aircraft. On another patrol an R.A.F. machine used to swoop down low over them "at 5.30 a.m., prompt," he said, and greetings were waved. The crew missed him far more than they worried about German machines, for these men, themselves stolidly carrying out a heroic task, are un-stained in their admiration for the men of the R.A.F. to them the deeds of the airmen are the most important part of the war news.

So the night wore on. A destroyer raced past in the distance. Another aircraft was heard. An important directional light, normally out by now, went on for a short time, presumably to guide a convoy or some warships. In the distance was the dark outline of land, but in the trawler one seemed to be alone.

Yet there was the certain knowledge that not very far away there were others patrolling as well. To the landsman's eye, unused to the decaying tones of size and space at sea at night, they were invisible where pointed out by the watch, but, on the other hand, the landsman saw many shapes—U-boats, aircraft, ships—that were deceived by the visions!

An "Easy" job There was much to talk about during the patrol. Modest men and fishermen to the core, the crew naturally regret that they can no longer fish. This job, some of them said, was easy compared with work they did when out fishing. Generally, these conversations took place over mugs of boiling tea. What about rationing, one inquired, and found that the trawler had been to Brest to assist in the evacuation of our troops after the collapse of France. It was too late to save cars, they were invaluable to be smashed, but there was time to save something that had been abandoned—pounds and pounds of tea.

These and a store of miscellaneous bullets. The wireless telephone uniforms left by the troops saved keeping our contact with the land was crackling as we went slowly out to take up our beat.

All night long the little trawler slowly ploughed her way backwards and forwards between two given points, occasionally making contact with another whose beat met hers. Sometimes a signal flashed from ashore—the inshore patrol asking for the trawler's recognition signal. In her turn the trawler flashed signals to passing craft. Thus, for example, at mid-night a ship was seen in the deceptive light of a thin veiled moon on a soothingly rolling sea. There was an argument in the In the other parts of Britain other trawlers were coming in. Perhaps a liner? It was found to be a little some had exciting experiences, a tanker-steaming a solitary course, and tions, or alarms.

Whatever happened, no one who has been with it could doubt for a well-known "round of German" aircraft second that in all circumstances the craft. The runner was ordered to Auxiliary Patrol will be worthy of stand by. The aircraft passed unseen, the flag it flies.



In a fright and to silence her, he gently puts his oaf's hands on her neck. And the girl falls dead.

And George the faithful, seeing none of it is any good any more, and that Lennie is as much a nuisance to himself as everybody else, as gently takes him out and shoots him behind the ear.

Betty Field is the girl, Burgess Meredith is George and Lon Chaney jun. is Lennie.

In the London production of the play Claire Luce was the girl, and played her as a ranch-house half-wit; with her toes turned in. Miss Field's version is a city slicker, bored with barley and not being able to go to the pictures. And because it doesn't affect the poetry and

drama of this film I wouldn't quarrel with that.

But though I like Mr. Chaney's fixed simpleton grin, wide as an open piano, I do wish he had been born with bigger hands.

All Lennie's character should be in the matt of hair on his tree-trunk wrists. And Mr. Chaney looks as though he has just walked out of the nearest chiropodist's shop.

Film: "Beau Geste."

Star: Gary Cooper.

Verdict: Better last time.

—Queen's, Alhambra.

An old friend appears in new guise in Beau Geste.

The best way to enjoy this is to forget that Gary Cooper and Robert Preston never come within a mile of appearing to be the young Englishmen of P. C. Wren's tale.

That forgotten, one can enjoy watching two pleasant, robust, and very American personalities.

Many will remember this story of the French Foreign Legion arriving at a fort, and finding the men they have come to relieve dead, propped up in the embrasures of the fort.

The camera switches back many years to explain this macabre situation, taking the picturegoer to a stately English home, from which three brothers run away to join the Legion.

Gary Cooper, Robert Preston, and Ray Milland play the three brothers, struggling manfully with the stiff-upper-lip philosophy, and it is hardly their fault that they are overshadowed by Brian Donlevy as a sadistic sergeant.

Mr. Donlevy has been given a "fat" part, and he makes the most of it. William Wellman directed, with a shrewd eye on all the dramatic possibilities to be squeezed from the scorching sand, ruthless tribesmen, and the whine of bullets.

## BRITISH AIRCRAFT SERVE FIVE CONTINENTS

At the beginning of a second year of war, the route miles flown by British civil aircraft are 94 per cent. of what they were in peace time.

With each swiftly-changing phase of the conflict, the services of British Airways have had to be drastically re-organised.

However, despite the heavy calls made on civil pilots, crews and aircraft by the military authorities, and despite the closing of the Mediterranean, over which the air highway of Empire used to run, new routes have been chartered and new services introduced.

This reorganisation is continuing, and further inter-Imperial links are planned. In September, 1940, British Airways is still the only civil aviation undertaking in the world to serve five continents.

To America—Direct The most important event of the summer, in this field, has been the

resumption of the direct flights between England and North America. These flights, which are still going on, have a great practical value. Their psychological importance, however, is, if anything, greater. There is a wealth of evidence to show that the sight and story of an unarmed flying-boat safely crossing the Atlantic from the battlefield itself, not once but many times, has kindled American imagination much in the same way as the Battle of the evacuation from Dunkirk.

Plato, in her coat of camouflage, has dropped down to La Guardia Airport, she has given additional proof of British confidence and British strength in the air.

The "Horseshoe" Service Meanwhile, the great distances of the "Horseshoe" route between Dublin and Sydney—the main Empire service now operating—are being covered with that regularity and lack of incident which are the true records of civil flying.

This is the longest commercial air service in the world, and has recently been doubled in frequency. It

now runs twice weekly in each direction.

The connection from Sydney to Auckland which only began a few months ago, has also been increased. The 1,500 miles of the Tasman Sea are now traversed three times every week. Moreover, a link between Bangkok and Hongkong has been maintained by landplane twice a week.

Thus on the "Horseshoe" alone, with its feeder services, no less than 37,000 miles are being covered, on average, every week by British aircraft.

Contact with the Continent of Europe is also maintained regularly by means of flying-boat and landplane services to Lisbon. These links are at present much more frequent than seemed possible a couple of months ago.

Both mail and passengers, chiefly priority, are carried. Civil aircraft are still couriers of State and servants of the export trade which is a vital part of the war effort.

Tribute must be paid to the civil pilots and crews who are meeting hazards of wartime flying with courage and endurance. While many of their fellows have gone to the R.A.F. to play their part in its glorious career of victory, as the mounting honours list of British Airways staff shows, these men have a less spectacular but none the less essential role.

They are showing the flag in no fewer than 24 countries of the world, Imperial and neutral, Allied and friendly.

British civil aviation, therefore, enters the second year of war with confidence but not with complacency. Much still remains to be done before its potential value in the war effort as a speedy means of transport and a weapon of propaganda, is fulfilled.

But British Airways is alive to the possibilities. It is at the present time taking delivery of new aircraft, and plans are being prepared for strengthening the links not only inside the Empire but with neutral countries as well.

## FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



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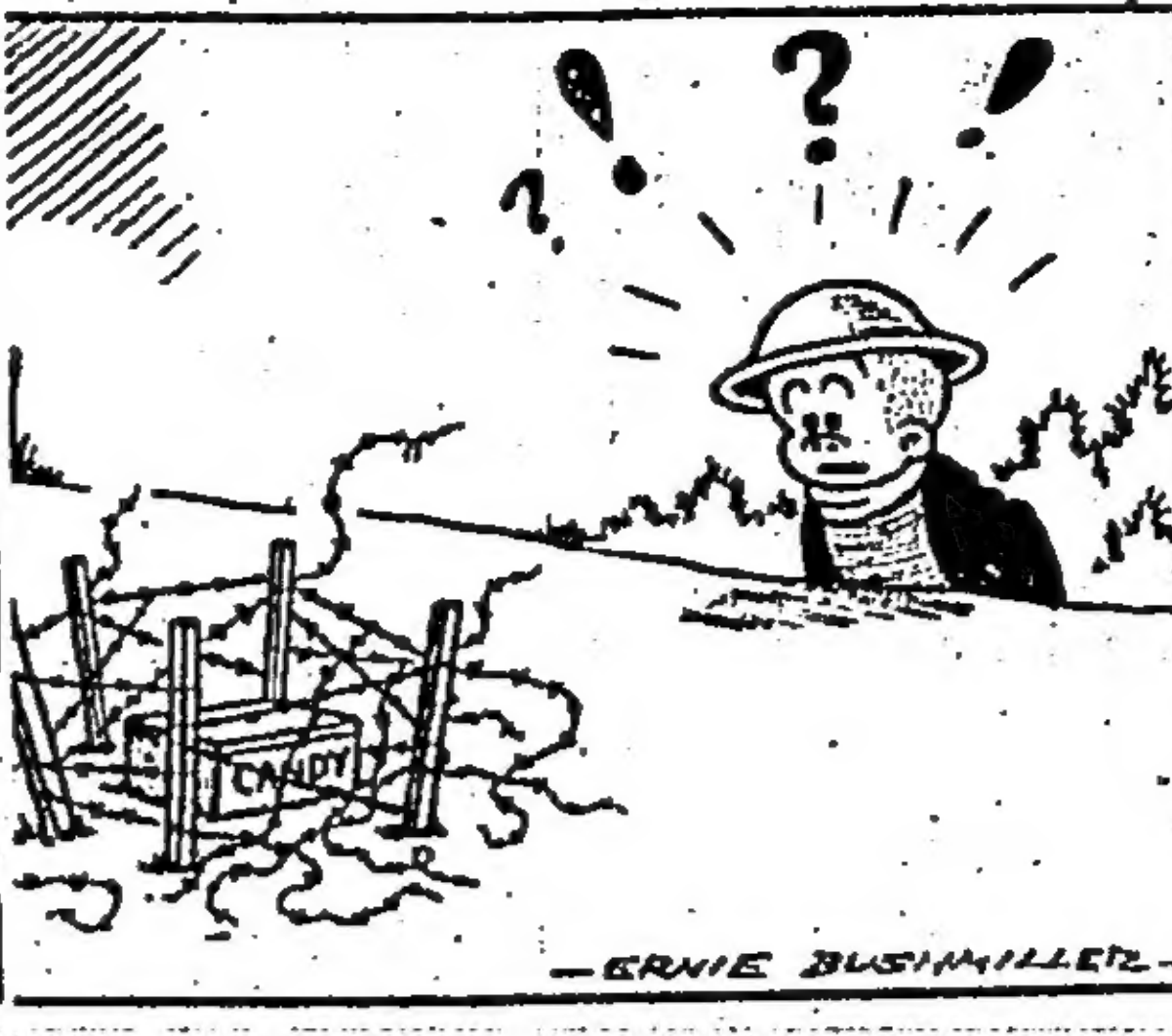
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## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## BOMB RAIDS AREN'T HAPHAZARD

Neutrals who, with the competing claims of the belligerents before them, may be inclined to doubt whether our bombing raids on Germany and Italy are always quite as effective as the Air Ministry reports would doubt more if they could see for themselves the skill and care with which every raid is planned and carried out.

The public sees only the somewhat bald official announcement that aircraft of the Bomber Command have successfully attacked a military objective in one of the enemy countries, but behind it lies a history of scrupulous preparation, of dogged determination in highly trained crews to carry out the difficult and dangerous tasks allotted to them, and of the use of every known scientific means to help the aircraft get safely to and from the targets.

There is nothing haphazard about these raids. Each is planned with the utmost care some time in advance. For days before the bombers start, experts are busy getting together all the available data about the objective.

Large-scale maps are studied, photographs and plans are brought out, and each navigator is equipped with a special chart showing even the smallest details of the factory, aerodrome, power-station, railway, or canal to which he must find his way.

On the day of the raid, the giant bombers are serviced and overhauled, rather like horses being prepped for an important race. Every part is examined, from the electrically operated machinery, the engines, the fuel tanks, the internal telephones, the bombs are loaded into the racks, and the petrol tanks filled, guns armed, and the aircraft are dispersed on the aerodrome, under armed guard, to await the time of departure.

Meteorological experts having supplied the reports which tell the crews what sort of weather they are likely to experience, everything is ready for the "briefing," which forms an indispensable part of every bombing raid.

Towards tea-time the pilots, navigators, wireless operators, and air gunners, fresh from a good sleep, begin to file into a large room fitted out very much like the lecture hall of a technical institute. Usually there is a white screen and a projector, and always a blackboard. Each navigator as he enters is handed an accurate chart showing him the contours of the country in the area of the target, together with a detailed plan of the objective itself.

What follows is a very informal affair. Officers and men sit around easy chairs, smoking pipes or cigarettes, while the station commander and the intelligence officer give them a great deal of useful information about reaching their target and about the site they are to attack.

## Risks To Be Avoided

The crews listen intently and make notes. It is difficult to realise that these calm young men are being "briefed" for a dangerous task. There is no trace of doubt that they will have bombed this aerodrome or power-station and be back again before dawn.

Photographs and plans of the target are shown on the screen while the intelligence officer points out the vulnerable spots to be bombed. He tells the crews what most of them know already—the dangerous, well-defended areas to be avoided on the outward flight over Germany or enemy occupied territory. Then come details of the known defences in the target area. No attempt is made to minimize the dangers; if there are strong anti-aircraft batteries or balloon barrages the men are told so plainly, but they are also shown the best way through them.

"The Flak (anti-aircraft) and searchlights are pretty heavy to the north," says the intelligence officer. "Attack from the south-east to north-west. There are 13 high chimneys on this factory, so you can't miss it. Here are the vulnerable spots (indicating the points on the screen). Make sure you are over your bit of the target and then let 'em have it."

## Final Instructions

Sometimes questions are asked and the photographs or charts are flashed on the screen two or three times to clear up some difficult point. Then the station commander gives the final instructions, tells them to take-off time and the precise minute by which they must be away from before dawn. The crews listen, unconcerned as though they were being advised on a peaceful practice flight. They note the alternative objectives which may be attacked if they fail to locate the primary one. Then they troop out and make for the crews' rooms. Here each crew works on its own. Once off the ground they will fly alone and may not see the other aircraft until they are back on the aerodrome again. Pilots and navigators discuss and plot their course so as to make the best use of distinctive or well-known landmarks such as railways, towns, canals, rivers, and lakes. The navigator gets busy with dividers, parallels, and scales, and soon they have decided which route they will follow.

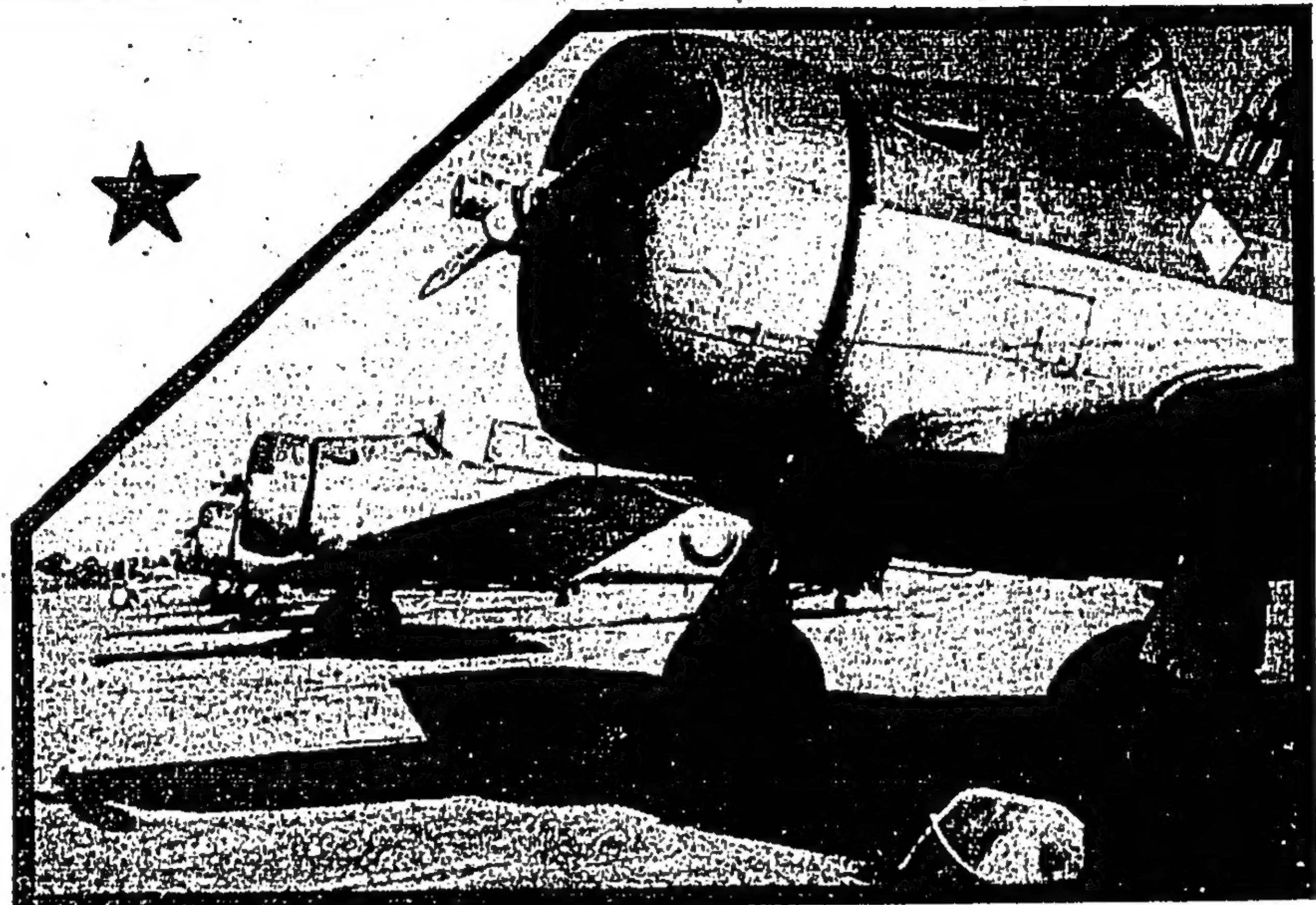
Preparations complete, the crews go off for a meal. Soon they are hauled back in the "robing rooms," and the electrician standing out on some disarrayed machinery, the engines of the men have flasks of tea stick out of their pockets. Night fly-ing is a cold business, even in summer. All carry little bundles of food for their parachutes. Soon one hears the roar of the engines, being warmed up, and then, in the gathering darkness, the great bombers taxi across the landing field and take off. One obligatory circuit of the aerodrome and they are away.

Inside the operations room someone chalks the departure times on a blackboard. Nothing much more is to be done for two or three hours, and only a skeleton staff of wireless operators remains while the others who are to be on duty all night go off for their evening meal.

## "Just in Case"

Just before midnight the operations officers come back and the station commander strolls in to say "just in case" he has decided to stay up. Actually he does this every night his men are operating, although he will admit the intelligence officer is on duty in the morning. In the adjoining room trained men are interpreting the "splutters" of "piloted wireless" sets. They listen for news of their bombers and frequently pick up morse calls from aircraft belonging to another station. Presently one of the operators writes something on a slip of paper which a messenger loses no time in taking into the "ops" room.

"D for Donald of X Squadron, is turning back with engine trouble," announces the operations officer. The group captain nods. This is inevitable at times, however good the weather. A mark is put on the blackboard beside "D for Donald's name." There is no trace of doubt that they will have bombed this aerodrome or power-station and be back again before dawn.



He asks for permission to land, and having got it, he comes down. After a time he enters the room, reports to the intelligence officer on the engine trouble, and disappears again. Meanwhile news is coming through of the other raiders. "J" of Y Squadron, flashes the message "Off target at 01.21." He can be identified by his call-sign. One of the ground staff records the time on the blackboard.

All through the night the receivers keep up their whining. At intervals news come through, until something has been heard from most of the bombers. The station commander glances at the clock. "No news of 'F' of X Squadron yet?" he asks. His voice betrays a slight anxiety. As though to reassure himself he adds, "He never wants to leave it."

Sometimes the message tells of failure to locate the objective; more often it announces briefly, "Target bombed," and gives the time. If the primary objective cannot be found the bomber will try to locate the alternative.

## Speeding Home

Time drags badly. Somewhere in the expanse of darkness outside the operations room 20 or 30 bombers are speeding home. By now they are over the sea. Requests for a "fix" (a location point) come through from the aircraft, and surely and methodically they are guided home.

"P" reports that he has been hit and his undercarriage may be damaged. Telephone calls are put through to the casualty crews to stand by, and the control tower men

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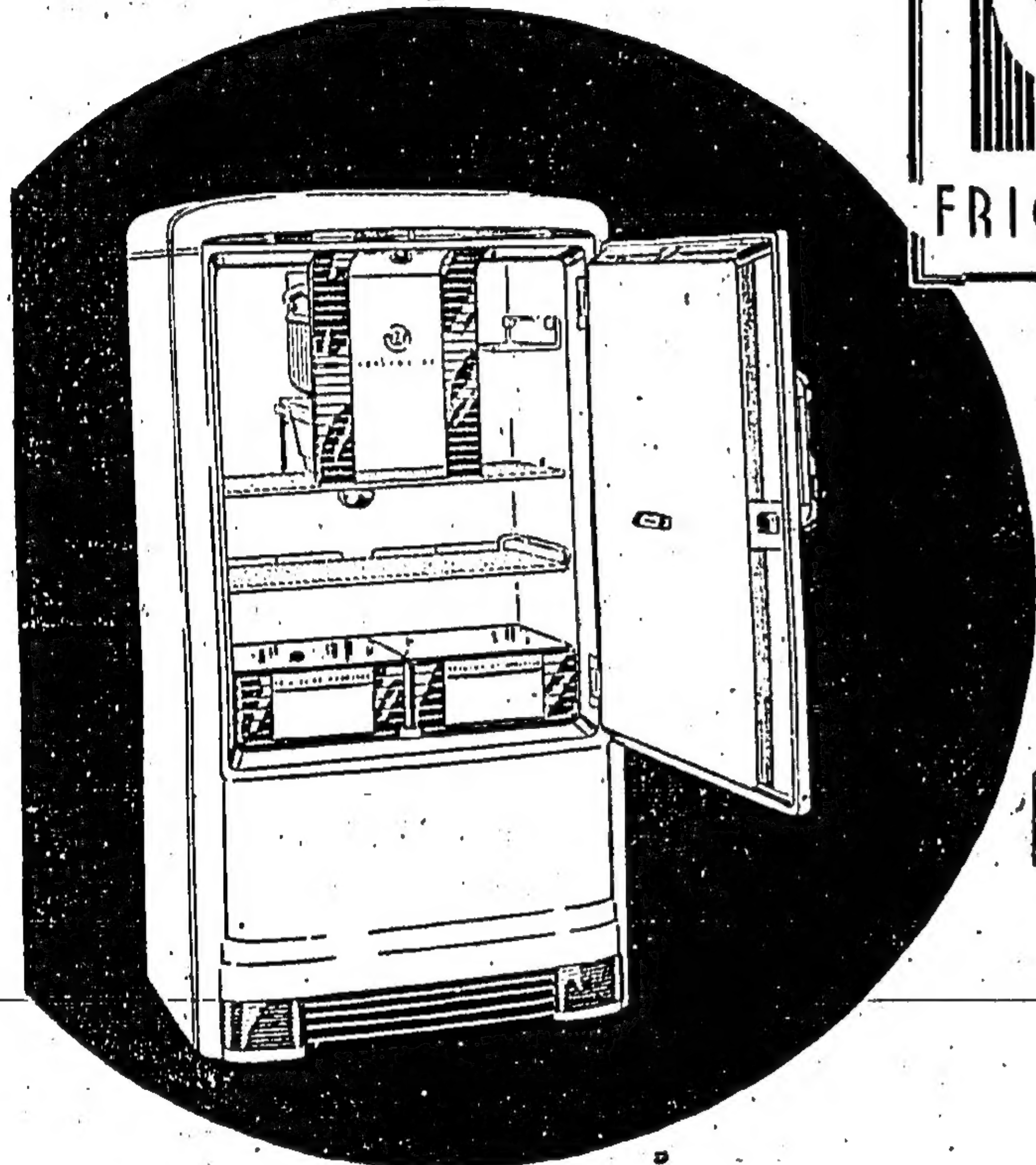
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# 74 AIR RAIDS IN ONE MONTH ON MALTA But British Women Still Manage To Laugh

This letter is from a Navy wife who, instead of keeping a lonely vigil in Australia, has been right in the thick of the war at Malta. The wife of Commander J. C. Morrow, who by his recent promotion became the youngest officer in the Royal Australian Navy ever to hold a commander's rank, and who sank the first Italian submarine in the war, she describes her life in and out of air-raids with a flavour of British humour.

"We had only been in Malta a fortnight when there was a 'compulsory' evacuation of Navy wives and children to England," writes Mrs. Morrow. "We didn't feel in the least keen to go there and kept hoping that the Italian tension would die down and the Fleet come back to Malta; so we simply laid low until the ship had sailed, and persuaded Mrs. J. A. Walsh to do likewise. We were very pleased we had done so when, three days later, both my husband and Lieutenant-Commander Walsh came into harbour for about 16 hours."

"The following week, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. P. O. L. Owen left for Alexandria, but we stayed on. As you know, war was declared by Italy, and there was then no question of leaving, as we were completely cut off, and there was not even a mail leaving or arriving at the island. Our only communication with the outside world was by cable."

"Every Englishwoman in the island immediately went to live in barracks, the Army at St. Andrew's, the Navy at St. George's, and the R.A.F. at Naxxar. There they were locked up like prisoners, with no privacy, bathing facilities, etc., so Mrs. Pater-son and I decided that if we had to

there was no one still living in the district. Thenceforth we had a special garbage man all to ourselves, a signal honour which I never expected to attain in this world! "Underneath the terrace in front of our flat there were some garages, and in one of these were billeted eight soldiers of an English regiment. They told us to come down there during raids. They said they had nothing but a direct hit could have hurt us, and produced chairs for us. They weren't very fussy about making us go behind the sandbags unless the danger was immediate and acute, and so we were able to watch all the aerial battles, some of which were intensely exciting. "Our fighters were marvellous. We got very worked up, sometimes, and jumped up and down in a most undignified way shrieking advice and admonishment to the anti-aircraft guns and the fighters indiscriminately. The soldiers got very excited, and a good time was had by all."

"We had 74 raids in four weeks, and eventually the sound of the warning siren became more of an annoyance than anything else. It might be anything up to an hour and a half before the all-clear was sounded, and sometimes it seemed such a waste of time."

"We got into the habit of taking whatever work we were engaged upon down to the garage with us, and have knitted, sewn, mended, drunk morning tea, finished lunch, and made up our faces there, on that when we were finally told 'we weren't at all keen, as we were quite all right in Malta and didn't like the idea of the voyage over a sea infested with submarines. But at last, after being at six hours' notice for 10 days, we set sail for Alexandria."

"Valletta itself is full of the most marvellous air-raid shelters. Malta is a solid rock, and underneath the town is a perfect maze of subterranean tunnels, all with several entrances and at least 15 feet of rock above them. They are absolutely bomb-proof, but rather unpleasant to be in during a raid, as one has to stand all the time, and they smell damp and dank, and are full of Maltese, who have taken to living there and never come out."

"The Maltese really behaved splendidly, however, and, except for the small panicky element one would find anywhere, carried on very bravely and went about their daily life quite calmly after they had recovered from the shock of the first day, which was really rather shattering. Of course the incessant din was pretty frightful, but one very quickly got used to it."

"The social life was non-existent; of course, as there were no women about, and anyhow there was an 8.30 p.m. curfew, and everyone found in the streets was liable to be shot at sight. However, we got along all right, and, being the only people out of barracks, our flat became a sort of United Services' Club for the men, who said it seemed to be the only sane place in a mad world, and that visiting it kept them from going crackers, especially the R.A.F., who were getting the heavy end of things, it was considered a very good advertisement for Australia."

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## HIGH COST OF CONQUEST

THE cash cost of conquering a continent was estimated by Nazi sources at 150,000,000 marks (nominally £15,000,000) a day in military expenditures, plus 17,000,000 marks (£1,700,000) a day for administrative civil expenses.

What these astronomical figures mean to the average German can be pictured from estimates of one financial expert that the government controls and uses 50 per cent. of the entire national income. Direct national and local taxes and excise duties amount to 34 per cent. of the national income, while the remaining 16 per cent. is made up by indirect methods. Nor is the German citizen the only one to feel the pinch of these vast expenditures.

It was officially announced recently in Vichy that France was paying 20,000,000 marks (£2,000,000) a day, retroactive to June 25, for the upkeep of the German Army of Occupation.

Local reports, so far unconfirmed, well as in government-ordered road state that the Reich Government recently presented the Norwegian Government with a bill for 250,000,000 marks (£25,000,000) to cover the cost of German occupation and "protection" to date. Contributions from Berlin and the Netherlands have not been announced.

The average worker in Germany, who neither understands nor particularly wants to understand the enormous figures involved, is concerned chiefly with what will be deducted from his weekly salary.

Take the case of Johann Scholz, married with two children, and Josef Meyer, unmarried. Both earn 90 marks (£9) a week as semi-skilled workers. Both pay the same old-age, medical and unemployment insurance and labour front fees, totalling six marks, 20 pfennigs (10s. 6d.) a week.

In addition Johann pays an income tax of one mark, 80 pfennigs plus a war surtax of 20 pfennigs. Bachelor Josef's income tax comes to six marks, 80 pfennigs, plus a surtax of three marks, 45 pfennigs.

Since tax revenues are expected to amount to 25,000,000,000 marks or more during the coming year this percentage may rise.

The following figures illustrate the changes in the German financial picture during recent years. In 1933 taxes amounted to less than 7,000,000 marks. It is estimated that receipts for the fiscal year 1940-1941 will be 25,000,000,000 marks, partially due to an increase in the number of gainfully employed but mostly due to increases in the tax rates.

In 1930, from eight to ten per cent. of the national income was swallowed up by taxes, compared with today's 34 per cent.

Furthermore, the published public debt amount to 11,600,000,000 marks (£1,160,000,000) when Hitler came to power. At present it is estimated to amount to between 65,000,000,000 and 75,000,000,000 marks (£7,500,000,000 to £7,500,000,000) although the officially published public debt figures in June 1940, totalled 50,500,000,000 marks.

### No New Maps

NEW YORK, (UP).—Dr. Harold G. Campbell, Superintendent of New York City schools, has issued an order that no new maps of Europe or Asia are to be bought for use in the schools, until further notice.

"It would be a waste of money, with boundaries changing every five minutes in both continents," he said.

"What we do now in the schools," he added, "is to draw on the blackboard an outline of Europe and mark in lightly the existing national boundaries. When they change, it's a simple matter to erase the chalk and put in the new boundaries."

Newspaper accounts from abroad have greatly stimulated the interest of pupils in geography, Dr. Campbell said. "When the children read that a certain city or section has been bombed they immediately are anxious to know all about that section or town, what its geography is, and what its inhabitants are like."

### STUDY OF A PEOPLE

The British are a funny race. They seem so slow, so gentle; They talk in accents so refined—

Their graces are elemental. They do not as a rule seem tough,

They dance as jazz bands shake it, But when they get into a row, Boy, they're the ones to take it!

They seldom show their biceps off

Or glorify their muscles; They do not bore you with their boasts

Of wild forays and tussles; They seldom bellow "Look at this!"

Exposing chests quite hairy, But when the battle gets quite hot

They're never very scary.

They have such very gracious ways—

Politeness is their virtue; They never flex a bicep as They boast how they could hurt you;

They don't throw bottles at a host; For Tarzan they don't double; But, mister, they're the fighting fools

When there is major trouble. H. I. P. in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

### Hop Pickers Needed In Britain

London, Sept. 9. Many hop pickers are urgently needed in view of the fact that only a small proportion of the necessary volunteers have come forward. The hops in many places are waiting to be picked and anyone and everyone, including soldiers, has been called in to assist.



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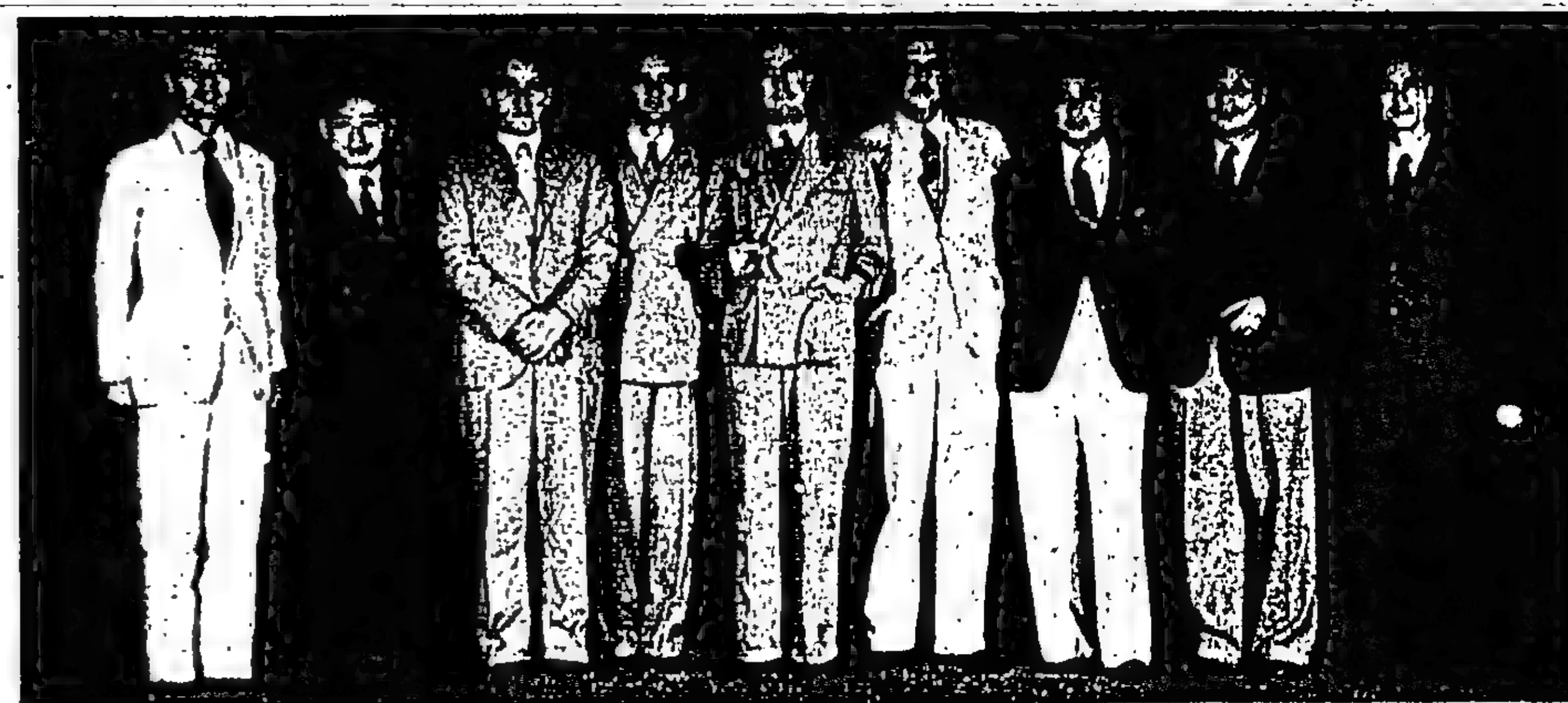
### YACHT CLUB OPENING —

— Well known residents snapped at the opening of the new Yacht Club on Kellett Island last Saturday. In the picture on the left are seen Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Valentine, Professor R. K. M. Simpson, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn and Mr. O. Eager. Below are Major-General A. E. Grasett, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields and friends. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



### A.R.P. Dinner

The Himsworth Cup, won by District "A", Shumshuipo Division, was presented to the winners at a dinner held last week at A.R.P. Headquarters, King's Park. Left: Mr. Roy Lau and Mr. Sahmet proposing the Loyal Toast. Below: Miss Kwok Mui-chi with the trophy. Right are Messrs. E. Himsworth, C. E. Terry, M. L. Bevan, and Roy Lau with other Wardens. (Photo: Mayfair Studio).



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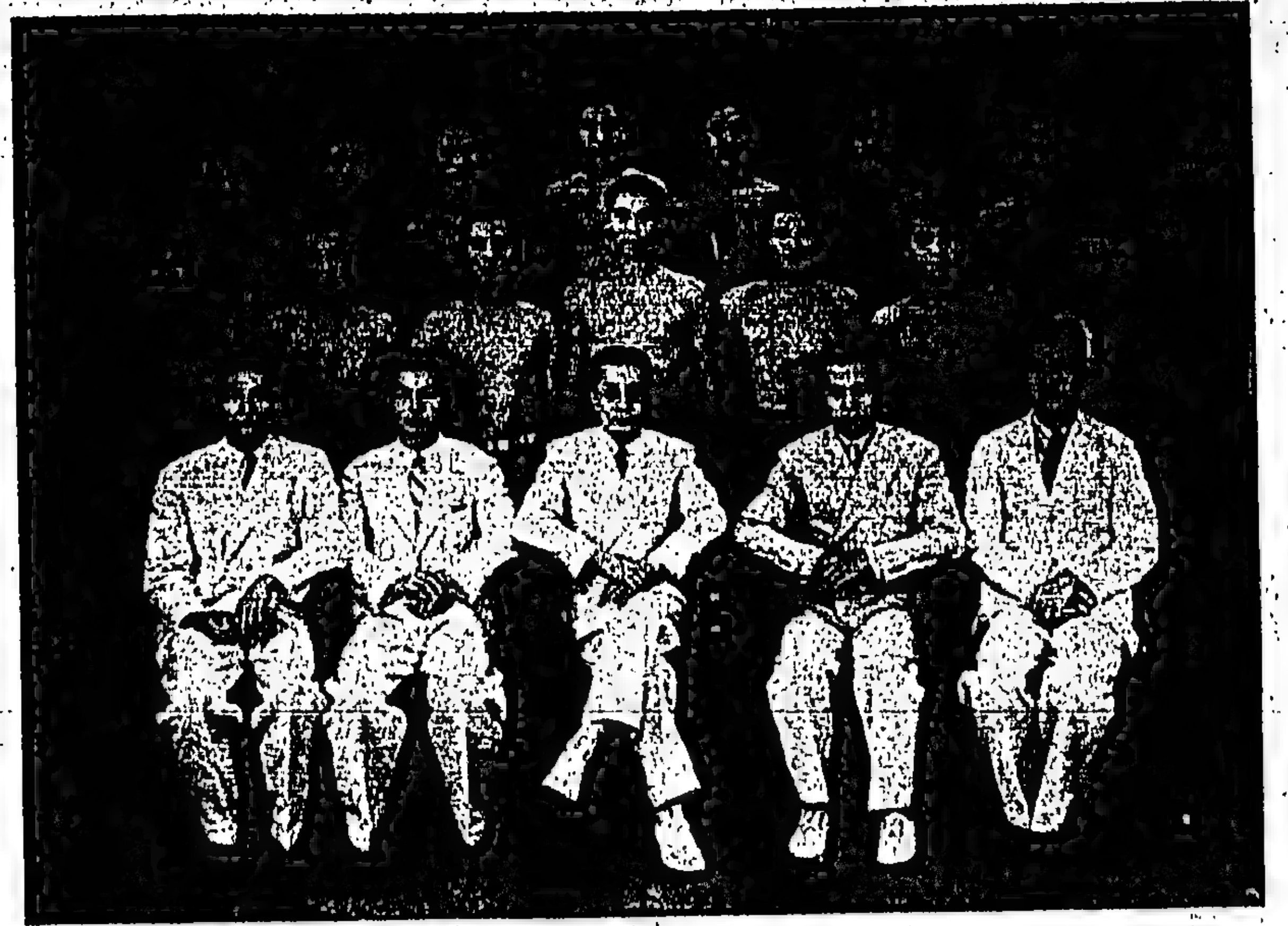
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### MEMBERS OF THE Hoi Tin Swimming Union

winners of the annual Hong-kong Chinese Open Aquatic Sports held recently, are seen on the right. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



### Macao's New Governor

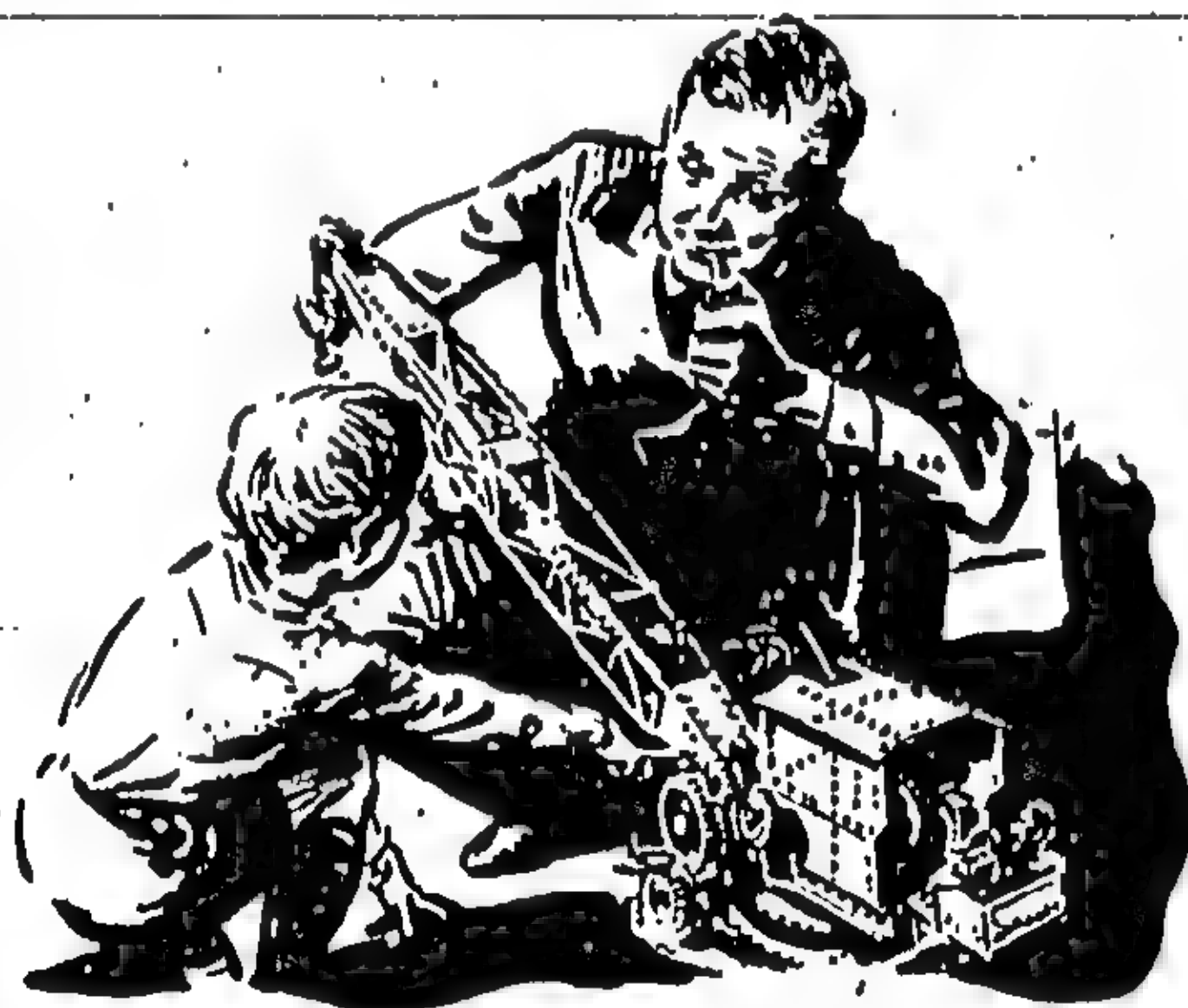
H.E. Commander Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira, (in dark suit) poses aboard the Portuguese sloop, Goncalvo Velho, on passing through Hongkong on Tuesday to take up his appointment. Also in the picture are Madame Teixeira and the Governor's children. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

### Conference

The annual Conference of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (right) held at the Alliance Children's Hostel, was well attended. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Many of the great men and women of to-day were sensitive, highly-strung children ....



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But it is in this very mental and physical make-up of the child that the danger lies. He lives more intensely, reacts more vividly to every little thing in his surroundings. That's why the bringing up of such children needs far more insight on the part of the parents than the bringing-up of ordinary children.

Many such brilliant children have failed in life. They've grown up weak, easily-led and over-sensitive, simply because their parents did not understand certain health warnings in childhood.

When you notice that your child is off his food, or that he looks pale, puffy under the eyes, that he's rather nervous and irritable or gets tired too easily, then you should act quickly.

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### War Fund Concert

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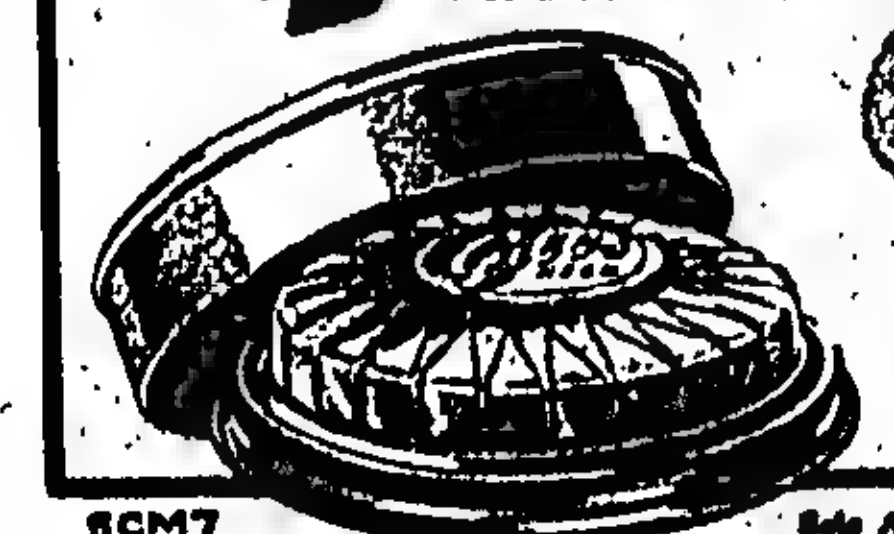
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# I have just spent ten days in France

I WENT to France at the special invitation of the French Government, and visited not only Vichy, the seat of government, but any part of non-occupied France that I cared to see.

I am writing this despatch in Spain, which means that it is subject to no censorship on the part of the French Government. First of all, I want to state that despite the persistent efforts of German propaganda agents, the French nation remains anti-German and pro-British.

France has had to bow down before the weight of arms of her conquerors, and many of her sons now regret the mistakes which were made in those fevered days in June, but only a mere handful of them believe that they can get better terms by trucking to the invader, or would care to do so.

In fact, there is really only one man in France of any notoriety who advocates such a course. He is Marcel Deat, whose pro-German writings in L'Oeuvre have been too much even for the present Government, which have therefore frequently banned his articles entirely.

I spoke of Marcel Deat to newspapermen, to officials, to soldiers, and to "the man in the street." They all had the utmost contempt for him.

France hopes that Britain will win the war, but as yet the people are not confident of this. We must realise that the people had a terrific shock when they heard of France's capitulation. They could not understand what had happened to what they regarded as their magnificent Army. The result is that they are

by  
**HAROLD CARDOZO**  
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still dazed and uncertain as to what away to England, as many of our is actually happening around them. comrades did."

## They Hear B.B.C.

"PARIS is marvellous, though too sad for me to stay there," a well-known American correspondent told me. "See the way Parisians are standing up to the invader with calm, quiet dignity. Every night they gather in each other's houses, with doors and windows closed, and listen to the B.B.C. Their only pleasure is when they hear of the exploits of your wonderful Air Force."

"Not one of them believes for a single moment the figures issued by the Germans."

I met a young French air sergeant who told me he had just been under close arrest for 24 hours for failing to salute a German air officer, attached to the Armistice Commission, who was inspecting an aerodrome. "It was cheap," he said, "We all walk away when we see Germans coming. We were unlucky in not being able to get at our machines when the armistice was signed, otherwise we would have got

I found this man and all his comrades equally enthusiastic about the seat of government, and there is consequently much overcrowding and much confusion.

Vichy is bright with sunshine and holds more pretty young women than I have seen in one spot for a long time. But it is too small for the seat of government, and there is consequently much overcrowding and much confusion.

The question which everybody asks is: "Will the Petain Administration last?" My answer, after very careful sounding, is that it will last as long as the old Marshal lives—with perhaps certain changes in personnel—and that it will crumble as soon as the Marshal disappears from the scene. It is his name and his prestige which alone are keeping it together.

The most likely thing is that the Government will become even more military and the Army take a larger share in the Administration.

**Sport and Drink**  
BUT I think it can be said that the majority, if not quite all, of the far from Vichy.

reforms instituted by Petain will remain. Everywhere I have found that the consensus of opinion was that such reforms had long been necessary and had to be carried out; but even defect and an authoritarian regime cannot stamp out the French independence of thought and the right to criticise.

"I have nothing, of course, to say against the present Government," a Ninnes business told me, "but the first thing they did was to suppress professional football, which we love." They said it was necessary to save France. Oh, mark you, I am not criticising, but I don't understand. "Now they have suppressed operettas, which we all like."

There is much bitterness everywhere against those men who are believed to have betrayed France in the days of the war and those preceding it.

Gamelin, Daladier, and Mandel are the names most hated, together, perhaps, with Pierre Cot, who is now in America. Albert, Minister of Justice, says he is determined to hasten the proceedings at Riom, which I visited during my stay and where I found recent buildings, but very sleepy, with few traces of that active search for the guilt of the main accused which I thought would have been the case.

One lawyer said to me: "Our only chance, in the present state of the public temper, is to drag things out, and naturally we are going to make every use of procedure for that purpose. Albert has other ideas, however, and wants to have a big trial early in December at the latest."

I learn he wants at least six death sentences, and what is terrible is that probably he'll get them, though the accused men are no more guilty than scores of others, some of whom might possibly be found to-day not

## Boy Says He Was Gagged Then Caned

AS Mrs. Julie Hull left court at Brighton, after hearing one of her six adopted children allege that she gagged and thrashed him, several children greeted her.

The boy, eleven-year-old Peter Wright, went off in the charge of an official of the N.S.P.C.C.

Mrs. Hull was accused of cruelty and the magistrates were told that she had ordered another boy to give Peter fifty strokes with a cane. Not satisfied that the punishment was severe enough, it was said, she thrashed him herself. Peter ran away the next day and found a policeman.

Speaking with a strong French accent, Mrs. Hull pleaded not guilty. She heard Mr. J. Raymond Barry, prosecuting for the N.S.P.C.C., describe her as a woman of substantial position, in receipt of an income from property. She paid £2,000, he said, for her house in Preston-road, Brighton.

## Bread And Water

Peter was the last of the six children she had adopted. There were no complaints until a few weeks ago, when, after Peter had torn a sheet, she kept him on bread and water for a month, except for occasional potatoes.

On July 13, afraid of being punished when he found a hole in his trousers, he tried to mend them himself. Mrs. Hull took him to a room used as an air-raid shelter. She placed him on a couch, forced a handkerchief into his mouth, kept it in position by tying another handkerchief round his head, and sent another boy named George for a cane.

She broke off the thin end of the cane, ordered George to give Peter fifty strokes, and left the room. When she returned she said: "You are not hurting him enough. I will show you how to do it."

After the boy escaped, said Mr. Barry, Inspector Cooke, of the N.S.P.C.C., and a policeman interviewed Mrs. Hull. She admitted thrashing the boy, saying that he was a liar.

## Did Not Gag Him

Mrs. Hull in evidence, said the boy's conduct had not been satisfactory. She added: "I never kept him on bread and water for more than a day, and I never put a gag on him as he says I did."

"When he did not cry, I thought the other boy was not doing it hard enough. I took the stick and did it myself. I did not know I had hurt him so much, and I am very sorry. It was the first time I had used a cane and it will be the last."

"On the Friday before, at the pictures, I had seen a mother thrash her boy because he was a cheat, and in the picture he became better for it."

"When I told the children they said it was quite right. They said: 'It's in the Bible—Spare the rod and spoil the child.'"

The magistrates decided to adjourn the case and granted an application for Peter to remain in the custody of the N.S.P.C.C.

## Polish Pilots Shot Fourteen Nazis

London, Sept. 11. The German Air Force again lost nearly a third of its raiders in a two-hour air battle over London and South-East England on the afternoon of September 11, 80 of them being destroyed.

A famous Polish squadron which inflicted severe punishment on the German pilots last week put up such a formidable attack, with another squadron of Hurricanes, that many of the raiders quickly unloaded their bombs over the woods of Surrey and Sussex and then fled for the coast.

By the time the battle was over the Polish pilots had destroyed 14 of the enemy raiders—four Heinkels, three Dorniers 215, three ME's 110 and four ME's 109. The squadron was led by an English flight-leutenant who was slightly wounded but landed his Hurricane safely back at his aerodrome.

The other Hurricane pilots shot down five Heinkels and probably destroyed two more. A Polish flying-officer is missing.



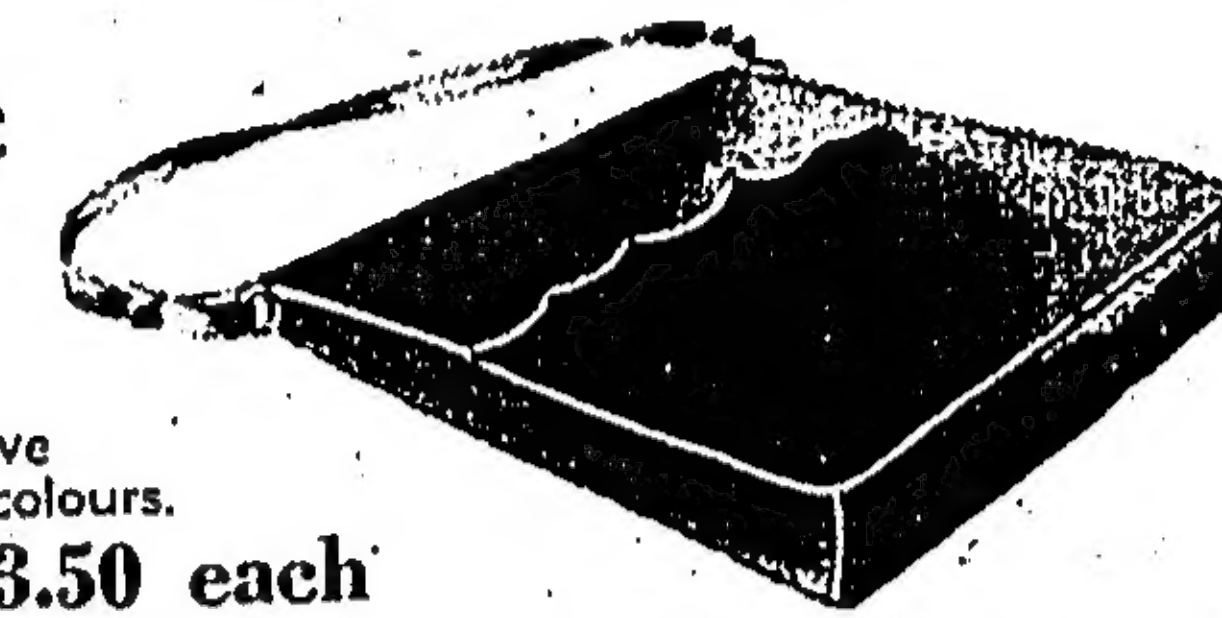
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## Leopold is guarded in hungry Belgium

ONLY one day before the Germans struck at Belgium M. Maurice Lambilliotte, Belgium's Food Controller, told me: "Belgium has food reserves for two years."

Recently I read a letter which has come without censorship from Belgium, and the writer tells of the great shortage of food. So where have those enormous stocks gone?

I think we can all guess.

KING LEOPOLD, his children and Queen-Mother Elizabeth live at the Royal Palace of Laeken, outside Brussels. He has a German guard at the gate, but whether this is to protect him or to keep watch on him is not clear. I do not think there is any truth in reports that he often sees high German officers.

One can dismiss, too, the stories that he owes his pro-German tendencies to women friends. He is very strong-willed.

But it is true that he is surrounded in Laeken by people with pro-German views. The Queen-Mother influences him in this direction, and she is as much his adviser as any one.

Other people he sees much of are de Man and Herman Teldinck, his former tutor and former professor of Heidelberg University. The latter is a violent defender of the German cause.

As is now well known, King Leopold tried on the eve of the surrender to persuade one by one the members of the Pierlot Government to sign a decree he had prepared changing the aim, if they should win, will be to encourage Belgian agriculture and to close down many industries. Belgium would thus provide most of its own food and the surplus would go to the Reich.

This return to the land would mean a great lowering of the Belgian standard of living. Politically, the Germans are credited with a plan to give French-speaking Belgians back to France in compensation for Alsace-Lorraine and part of the Mediterranean coast between Marseilles and Italy, and also the Haute Savoie. According to this plan, it is believed that Flemish-speaking Belgium would be added to Holland with the possibility of King Leopold as ruler of the whole.

I estimate the section of his supporters at well under 50 per cent. of the total population.

BUT I would like when I speak of people like this to turn back just for one moment to the moving letter smuggled from Belgium.

by  
**Henri Fast**

Former reporter in Brussels, who has just reached Lisbon.

The writer wound up saying: "There is just one thing which we wait and pray for day and night—for British victory."

The Reichists are not greatly in evidence, but it is a sad thing indeed to think that the Vichy Government, which had M. Leon Degrelle, Reichist leader, in its prisons at Calais and Poitiers after the fall of Belgium, now recognises him as head of the mission for the repatriation of Belgian citizens to Belgium from France.

He was released when German pressure was applied at Vichy. He has power now to sweep back into Belgium and possibly into concentration camps or to a worse fate thousands of Belgians who were his ardent political opponents.

NOBODY is yet actually starving in Belgium to-day. But most are short of food except those who laid up stocks. About one shilling daily is given to all needy persons, so that every one has at least sufficient money with which to buy bread.

All gold went to Britain or the United States.

Industry is paralysed in once busy little Belgium.

This all suits the German plan. My belief is that their economic aim, if they should win, will be to encourage Belgian agriculture and to close down many industries. Belgium would thus provide most of its own food and the surplus would go to the Reich.

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## Chinese Believe In Numbers And Picturesque Proverbs

As the artist deftly adds a touch of colour to his canvas to further embellish his painting, so does the proverb add to the picturesque quality of the Chinese language. Indeed it has been said that the ordinary Chinese speaks largely in proverbs.

Within the range of the Chinese language there seems to be a proverb to meet each and every circumstance. And many a time has a timely proverb put an end to a wordy battle.

Chinese proverbs, it is strange to note, are found most abundantly in agricultural or isolated communities, where books and educated men are few and far removed, in such cases the village elders supply the only source of knowledge, storing what they in their youth were told and taught by their elders. Observations on moral conduct are stored in the minds of these men, and finally they become crystallized into proverbs and the source from which they must have originally come, are forgotten.

The characteristics of a nation can easily be seen from proverbs used. Confucian tenets demand filial piety and respect for the old. How well Chinese life is illustrated here!

The Chinese as a nation have always believed in doing things in a big way. In funeral and wedding ceremonies, children and population, not the China of learning, culture and the same love for size and number resources which has progressed have remained true with Chinese and blossomed these many thousands proverbs. Observers have estimated of centuries.



"I can see no reason why this war must go on" Hitler to the Reichstag, July 27

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## SOUTH AFRICAN

In 10 months General Smuts has created not only an army but an extensive war industry to supply it.

In spite of the ambitious plans ventilated early last year by Mr. Pirow, Minister of Defence in the Hertzog Government, there were only some 18,000 trained men in the Union last September when General Smuts took over the administration, and only about 2,000 of these were actually under arms. The organization for the supply of munitions and equipment was of the sketchiest.

Now the armed forces of the Union are on a scale comparable to those of the other great Dominions, and they are taking the field in increasing numbers, says a message from Johannesburg.

Communications with Kenya are being maintained by sea, by air, and by a rail and road route more than 2,000 miles long. Men and supplies are steadily pouring northward to strengthen the pressure of the Imperial troops against Southern Abyssinia and Italian Somaliland.

Still more remarkable than the creation of a sizable army is the way in which South Africa organized her industries to supply her soldiers with the means to march and fight.

The Union is fortunate in possessing a very highly developed engineering industry to serve the multifarious needs of the gold and diamond mines and the railways, together with almost all the raw materials needed to supply it. The key to it is the Pretoria Iron

and Steel Works (ISCOR), which were founded in 1935. General Smuts appointed Dr. Hendrik van der Byl, the head of this corporation, to be Director-General of War Supplies, and he has practically become South Africa's economic dictator. He has enlisted the help of manufacturers and industrial experts of all descriptions, and in this short time has mobilized industry for the production of war material on a great scale.

### Busy Skyscraper

The results have been remarkable. South African factories are now turning out military explosives, shells, aerial bombs, grenades, and rifle ammunition; trench-mortars and gun; and military vehicles of all descriptions, including armoured cars, all in promising quantities.

Shells are being produced by thousands, lorries by hundreds a week. A gun is being manufactured in important numbers, the plans of which were drafted little more than six months ago. In some instances—for example, in the case of T. N. T. and small-arms ammunition—South Africa has actually been able to assist Great Britain.

Uniforms, boots, blankets and equipment, tinned food and army biscuits are being produced on the same scale.

This effort is being directed from a great office which has been set up in one of Johannesburg's skyscrapers. The Department owes much of the rapidity of its improvisation to the fact that it is run by business men, who are unimpeded by

the rigid rules and traditions of a Government service.

The output is steadily developing. Some things, such as aeroplane engines, rifles and machine-guns, and the more complicated forms of artillery, are obviously beyond the capacity of an improvised industry and have to be imported. In this connexion it is fortunate that South Africa lies outside the war zone prohibited for American shipping, so that munitions bought in the United States of America can be shipped hither in American vessels. A South African purchasing mission is in the United States, cooperating closely with the British missions.

In the simpler categories of munitions, however, South African industry is in a way to be in a position to supply an appreciable

This development is meeting with the willing co-operation both of capital and labour. The manufacturers are producing on the basis of cost plus a small percentage. The labour unions have agreed that there shall be no strikes and no migration of labour for the duration of the war. Four of their representatives, paid by the unions, are working regularly in the offices of the Department to facilitate the supply of labour to the factories.

The Union Government is anxious that the importance of this effort should be realized in Great Britain. They have constantly in view the possibility that the theatre of war in Africa may become considerably enlarged if, for instance, Spain and Portugal should be forced by the Dictators to throw in their lot with them. The Union has

## WAR EFFORT

able part of the military needs of the Imperial Forces in Africa.

### The Long View

The powers of the Director-General of War-Supplies are large and his vision wide. He has been able, for example, to commandeer all the cloth lying in the hands of South African dealers for the manufacture of uniforms. At the same time he is setting up textile factories (hitherto unknown in South Africa) to make more. Ten or a dozen new factories are in process of creation for the manufacture of war supplies. Schools have been improvised in which thousands of new workers are being trained.

Portuguese colonies as its neighbours on two sides. The Belgian Congo, another near neighbour, may also become susceptible to German influence.

Thus the defence of Africa for the Empire may shortly have to be conducted in large part from the territory of the Union. The Union Government is making its plans with this possibility in view, and is anxious that they should be seconded by the Imperial Government, in the first place by the supply of such plant and tools as are necessary to complete its cycle of industries, and, secondly by additional reinforcements of aircraft and other war material which cannot be manufactured in the Union.

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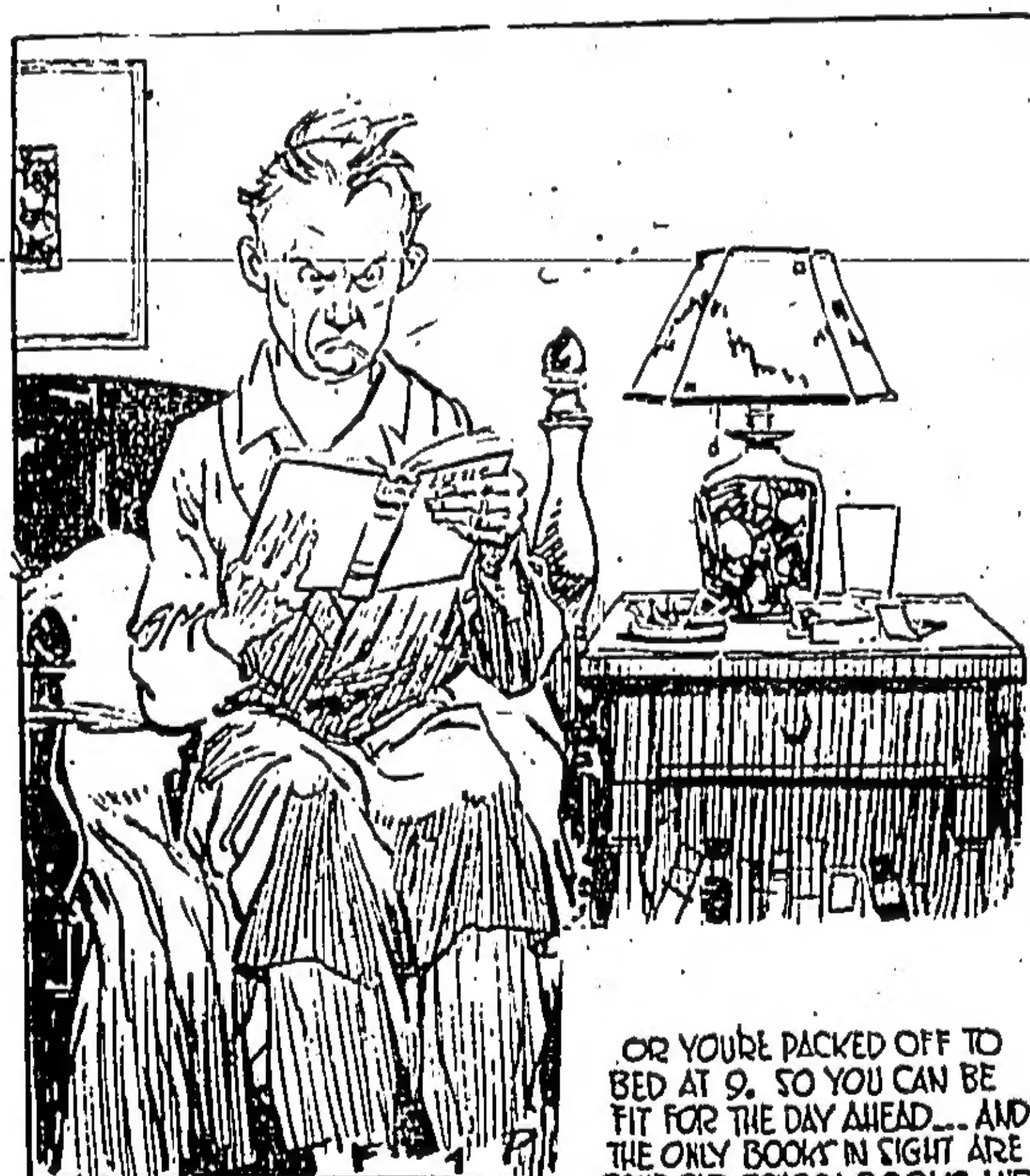
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# HOW THE ROYAL NAVY FOUGHT DUCE'S FLEET

The British Navy has routed the Italian fleet. Before bombarding Rhodes and other Italian naval bases the British got the news that Mussolini's navy was out. But once more the Italians turned away and were chased back to port. Here is the full story—one of the most vivid sea stories of the war—told by—

Daily Express Staff Reporter ALAN MOOREHEAD.

Aboard Flagship with British Battle Squadron in Mediterranean

BY THE FIRST LIGHT OF A PERFECT DAY A BRITISH BATTLE SQUADRON STEAMED ON TO THE DODECANESE ISLANDS THIS MORNING AND RAKED THE ITALIAN 'PIRATES' NEST BY SEA AND AIR IN THE MOST BRILLIANT ACTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN WAR.

While the Fleet Air Arm of hills. Five hundred pound bombs struck Rhodes, the main fortress, the Australian cruiser Sydney, her sister ship Orion and the destroyer Ilex stole in like grey shadows among the neighbouring islands and hurled their broadsides on the sleeping Italian garrison.

Ilex and Sydney, who have already sunk one Italian cruiser, were engaged by a flotilla from Mussolini's famous 50 m.p.h. torpedo boats off Makri Yulo, war base on Scarpanto Island.

Two of the torpedo boats were blown out of the water. A third was crippled. The remaining two retired at full speed.

This, the first encounter with Italy's most prized sea weapon, brought her nothing but loss. Every one of the enemy's torpedoes shot by harmlessly into the open sea and our warships calmly went on plastering the near-by airfield and demolished its only buildings.

Further up coast Orion lobbed her shells into Pegadia Bay, but being unwilling to endanger villages clustered around the barracks her commander ceased fire.

Simultaneously a large force of British sea bombers assaulted two of Rhodes' air bases at Maritza and Calato, from which the Italians have been constantly making air raids on Alexandria and Haifa.

Rhodes had never been raided before. It used to be a dreaming summer island of roses and wine of fisher folk and holiday-makers.

peaceful monasteries and pine forests. Mussolini turned it into a secret hide-out from which his submarines, bombers and torpedo-boats have been way-laying neutral and beligerent ships alike as they traded up to Greece and the Dardanelles. Now it was caught unawares.

We got what we had hoped for when last night sailors, airmen and gunners received their final orders from this flagship.

An hour before sunrise the fleet was in position, lapped by a long easy swell. One after another, over fifty miles of ocean, silhouettes of the battleships and cruisers, the destroyers and aircraft carriers detached themselves from the sea mist.

By a sickly yellow dawn light I could just see our bombers sweeping off the deck from the nearest aircraft carrier, each one heavily laden with ochre-coloured bombs.

The leaders circled our flag ship until the last machines were clear. Then they wheeled upward together in formation.

Away on the horizon the Sydney was already in action. Spouting smoke columns showed where her 8-inch shells were hitting. Then Calato awoke to find its petrol dump exploding and half a dozen aircraft blazing on the ground and the barracks in flames.

At Maritza the green airfield of the fleet's most brilliant week in the Tunt lies under a monastery in a cup Mediterranean yet. Many millions

of pounds worth of warships have sailed thousands of miles through this Italian lake, driving all resistance before them.

All these events set down here I have either seen for myself or have checked up from reports to the commander-in-chief, Sir Andrew Cunningham, aboard this ship.

Not one sailor out of a thousand knew what lay ahead when the fleet, carrying a group of senior admirals, first slid out into the open sea last week.

But on the bridge they told me, "You will be seeing something on the third day." And I was handed this radio message from London: "First Lord of the Admiralty wishes you all good luck in your enterprise."

By morning the destroyers had flung out a wide protective "V" across the sea, and capital ships and cruisers ploughed forward in the centre.

Aircraft on dawn patrol skimmed out ahead searching for those long purple shadows that mean submarines.

There was one brief moment at 8 a.m. when the sky was a flaming pink, the sea jet black and the whole of this immense grey steel arrowhead was pointed down along one path of the rising sun towards Italy.

Aloft a lone Italian reconnaissance pilot must have jumped at his controls at the sight, for he sent off frantic signals to his base.

Casualty, a flight of fighters slipped from the deck of the British aircraft carrier. The leader of the flight was thirty-eight-year-old Commander Keighley-Peach, ace of the Fleet Air Arm in the Mediterranean, with five planes to his credit.

He found an Italian flying boat with a crew of four and drove him into the sea. When he brought his lighter safely back to the carrier they told him: "We have just had a message about you from London. You've been recommended for the D.S.O."

The D.S.O. was for Keighley-Peach's part in an action off Sicily last month when the Fleet was attacked by five hundred aircraft.

Many of these ships and crews have already made history in this war in the North Sea and Atlantic, and there was a long list of other awards passed around the ships. So the men were eager for another scrap when the Italians launched their first high-bombing attack on a section of the fleet steaming over the horizon to the south.

Splinters touched the steering gear of one vessel. She sailed on with the rest of the fleet, steering with her engines.

Then suddenly one of our scouting planes flashed back the dramatic news that the Italian fleet with two battleships and seven cruisers and screened by destroyers, was steaming dead towards us at fifteen knots.

It seemed that a major action was certain and that we should meet them in the darkness at one a.m.

Officers in the warships, men round the galley bolted their dinner and hurried on deck, wrapping greatcoats over their white tropical shorts and shirts.

Searchlights were spun round ready to push their beams across the sea. A stream of signals flashed from the flagship's bridge bringing cruisers and destroyers into new positions before their silhouettes vanished in the darkness.

The wind rose sharply and soon cascades of black waves were ebbing over bows, past snouts of the 15-inch guns where the gun crews stood waiting.

Slumbering round our black decks passed hundreds of men. They were laughing, whistling and yarning excitedly.

Ten hours later in the first light of a new day, they were there still, in which the sailors fought from the But the Italians were not. Somewhere in the night the enemy had changed course and disappeared.

Even our air down patrol found no trace, and hours later news came through that the enemy ships were well on the way home to Italy.

But a British submarine struck first. Roaming well ahead of the British Fleet on an independent course she reached the Italian battle flag when the gunners at the squadron in the falling light rose to identify the ships through her periscope.

Within a matter of seconds two torpedoes had split the sea with terrific explosions and the submarine dived to safety. One Italian cruiser at least had been hit.

It was one of the most important successes of the British submarines in the Mediterranean since Italy declared war.

Had the Italian fleet wanted action after that, it would have been greatly favored. There was nothing to stop her from spinning down like a burning moth towards the British Fleet.

The Italian coast was near enough to have brought up with ample time now capital ships, cruisers and especially destroyers.

Overwhelmingly superior numbers of aircraft could have reached the British Fleet in a few hours. As it was our warships steamed on to the danger zone in the Central Mediterranean to keep rendezvous with another section of the Fleet.

We waited tensely for it in the marine-ridden sea. Two British fighters cruised over early morning light. Then, dead on time, other units churned through the blue haze to get our delighted welcome.

Sailors crammed the decks for a first view of the graceful, cleanly built lines of an aircraft carrier as she moved forward. Behind came a battleship and her escort.

This arm of the fleet had just destroyed two Italian shadowing aircraft, which had tracked her down along the Mediterranean.

The British ships had passed unscathed through a line of mines which Mussolini has laid from Africa to Sicily.

From this inspiring early morning meeting I date the beginning of a new phase in the Mediterranean war. This joining of the fleets under the very eye of the enemy means incontrovertibly that the tide in the sea war has set against Mussolini.

He still outnumbered us. But we have held him off and met him during the last three months, when we were less strong than we are now.

Planes roared up from the carrier as we steamed towards her. Planes like those had not been seen by sailors before.

Sardonically a mechanic of this flagship strolled across to the hangar where older types of flying boats are housed and chalked on a black board there, "Time marches on. This way to the museum."

We were still laughing when a thin plume of smoke blossomed suddenly on the horizon. We watched it in astonishment as it was realised that an Italian bomber was down.

The British planes came racing back. They had been on the job exactly ten minutes.

Then an intermittent six-hour battle began. On the Italian side bombers, submarines and floating mines on our fighters and guns of the Fleet.

It was fought in brilliant sunlight over a huge stretch of sea not twenty minutes flight from the Italian coast.

I was standing high up on the searchlight platforms when the spattering salvo of bombs cracked down. Towering mast-high, a curtain of grey smoke and salt spray blotting out the ship astern. Then another line of bombs, smaller ones this time, were alongside us.

Then again single fountains came spurting up among the ships to the left.

With one synchronised roar the cruisers hit back. You saw first smoke from their muzzles, then flames, then seconds later you felt an explosion that lifted you off the deck.

Right out on the horizon ships were racing to new positions, making sudden turns and dashes. The destroyers heard enemy submarines and clawed up the sea like wild cats as they sped between the capital ships in pursuit.

Each depth charge—they were exploding very deep—sent slow trembling blasts across the sea. Floating mines—were discovered perhaps cast off by submarines, and everywhere they got a chance our ships turned their guns upon them.

The fleet warplanes meanwhile had brought down three more raiders and chased two astonished Italian bombers back across the sea to Italy, their fuselages riddled with bullets.

But the enemy's job was difficult since an Italian spotting plane had been brought down early in the fight and numbers of enemy bombers that went up had lost their way in the open sea and failed to reach the fleet.

All this action was scattered and spread out over a long period. The commander of my ship had been broadcasting reports on the battle's progress as they came from outlying ships. None was touched.

There had not even been near misses though in one or two cases I passed hundreds of men. They were laughing, whistling and yarning excitedly.

The commander finished each broadcast with the words, "This is the end." You could judge the spirit of a new day, in which the sailors fought from the But the Italians were not. Somewhere in the night the enemy had changed course and disappeared.

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## CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

The invasion of Greece by Italy is the startling news which the Italian newspapers prophesied last week. It is part of the great plan which was foreseen a month ago by careful observers. The blitzkrieg on Britain had failed; the dictators had therefore to strike in another quarter. Spain was sounded but did not seem to be immediately ready to co-operate—the country is poor, the Canary Islands and Spanish Guinea too in Africa might be lost and her trade with South America would certainly disappear while her political stock in U.S.A. would suffer a sharp decline. Spain then for the present is out of the picture, and so a new victim had to be found the destruction of which would give access to the Mediterranean.

Mussolini has got to justify his proud boast that his soldiers are what they are proclaimed by Mussolini to be a tough lot. He is conscious of the fact that Abyssinia was conquered by the use of poison gas, that Albania was overrun by sheer weight of numbers, that the military campaign in Spain was not unclouded success for Italian troops. There were regrettable lapses. Then the accusation made by President Roosevelt and endorsed by the free world that Mussolini had stabbed France in the back, rankles very deeply. It will require some spectacular victory to obliterate such a stigma.

Mussolini would hardly undertake a new campaign unless he had some assurance of success. Italy's progress has been arrested in Egypt, his claim that the Mediterranean is a mare nostrum et clausum is demonstrably false, seeing that the British Fleet traverses the same sea from East to West with far greater freedom than Italian ships make the short journey to Libya.

The Italian fleet carefully avoids contact with the British Fleet, and rightly so seeing that it would inevitably suffer an inglorious end. Mussolini can make his assault on Greece knowing that in the event of initial failure he can count on the vast hordes of German troops to help him in his hour of need. But as the conquest of Greece is purely a naval matter and as there are many Greek islands the British task should be eased when these are occupied and used as naval and air bases.

It will be interesting to see the reactions of the large Greek populations settled in and round Egypt. Pierre Van Panssen, an American correspondent for the "World," was in Egypt during the time of the Ethiopian Campaign and this is what he wrote:

"I witnessed a sample of the almost unendurable tension between Greeks and Italians in Egypt, two months after the outbreak of the Ethiopian war. The Italian Fascist of Cairo and Alexandria, fifty thousand men strong in each city, were openly defying Great Britain to close the Suez Canal. But the Greeks were arming. If England gives the signal," he said, "we will see to it that not an Italian remains alive this side of Sicily." No signal came from England or from anybody else and as the hopelessness of the Abyssinian cause became more and more apparent, the Greeks in Egypt calmed down and these in Ethiopia quietly left to seek their fortunes elsewhere."

This antagonism will no doubt manifest itself openly now and help at least to prevent the large numbers of Italians who live in Egypt, from doing any fifth column work. One gets the feeling on reading of Hitler's visit to Franco and to Petain that he is not so much using threats as currying favour. He is soliciting help rather than demanding it. He is feeling the reaction of the success made by sheer brute strength which his mechanised army gave. He is beginning to realise, perhaps, the enormity of the crimes he had committed in Belgium, Holland, Norway, Denmark and France. He knows he has incurred the odium of civilised people, and now he thinks Mussolini ought to take his share. Thus the violation of Greece is allotted to the

### FRANCE IN COMA

France was put to sleep by the administration of the anaesthetic called an armistice, and from that state of coma she was awakened up to the fact that she has already had one limb amputated—Indo-China—and now she is confronted with the impression that these would have some relation to the armistice, but that is not so. It is beginning to dawn upon France that the sole hope of a restored and independent French nation depends entirely on the sort of success Britain has in this war.

If Britain selfishly made peace now, France's chances of recovery would disappear and her people now realise that fact. For that reason it is impossible to believe that Petain or even Laval would yield the French fleet and so hinder Britain in her self-imposed task of securing for France as well as other nations that independence and dignity which their history and culture demand.

If France cannot help us in her present state, as the Prime Minister says, she must at least not render the task of rescue more difficult. Hitler and Mussolini are not, however, likely to press the French too far, since there is a potential force in the French colonies lying outside of France which might swing over to the other side.

The paralysis which seems to have come over the French people is probably temporary and will disappear when Italy is brought to book in the Mediterranean. One thing is certain, Britain as a sea power cannot be destroyed; whatever success Germany and Italy have on land they cannot impose their will on the British Empire.

### JAPANESE RETREAT

The withdrawal of Japanese troops from Nanning is due to the pressure exerted by the Chinese. The violation of the terms of the treaty signed by Decoux with the Japanese representatives in Hanoi, by which

troops were to be permitted to land only in Haiphong, was the result of Chinese pressure in Kwangsi. The Japanese forces were held on three sides and had their back to Indo-China, into which alone they could escape. The officer in charge chose the less of two evils and advanced into French territory where the opposition was weak, thus breaking the terms of the treaty on which the signatures were scarcely dry.

This retreat proves that the conquest of China by bombers is not possible. Kwangsi can be bombed by Japanese planes, but cannot be held by Japanese troops. This is the lesson of the past three years. Italy conquered the disunited Abyssinian forces by the use of poison gas, but China is not disunited and therefore its will to resist is unbroken.

The aeroplane then cannot dominate China; it can destroy buildings but cannot conquer a nation's spirit. The air force has to be backed up by infantry.

### AIR OUTRAGE

The attack on the C. N. A. C. plane near Kweichow border, is the sort of thing that rouses the ire of all right thinking people.

What possible glory or satisfaction can fighting pilots get from attacking an unarmed plane? Nitobe, the Japanese writer who invented the word Bushido as a description of the high code of honour the Japanese warrior observed, quoted with approval Shakespeare's line—  
"Honour and policy like unsevered friends"

"The war do grow together". A soldier who was merely strong and ferocious was known as a "boar samurai."

This wanton attack on the passenger plane involving the death of an American pilot and eight passengers is evidence not of military prowess but of demoralisation.

It was the great Japanese soldier Iqoyasu who said: "If thou knowest only what it is to conquer and knowest not what it is to be defeated, woe unto thee. It will fare ill with thee. Find fault with thyself rather than with others."

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